

YOUR HOST SUPERINTENDENT
by Bob Livesey, Visalia



FRANK SILVA - Sunset Whitney CC
Frank started in golf course work in 1959 at Pebble Beach under Leonard Feliciano. After a short period of time he decided that this type of endeavor was better than the dairy business and decided to stay with it. In 1967 Frank was promoted to Superintendent of the Pebble Beach Golf Course. He stayed with the Pebble Beach Corporation until 1977. Then it was off to the Massacre Canyon Inn at Hemet, California for a year and a half. In March of 1979 he went with Sierra Sunset Corporation and moved to his present position as Superintendent of Sunset Whitney Country Club.

Frank, his wife Agnes, Frank Jr. and daughter Karen, live in Rockland.

Sunset Whitney C.C. was built about sixteen years ago on 150 acres of rolling foothill land that was part of the old Whitney Ranch. The golf course wanders through a housing development; and the area being known for its rock formations, it is not uncommon to have a large boulder or rock formation on the edge of the fairway. The mixture of bending and titling fairways around hills to medium sized green makes for a challenging round of golf. The close cropped greens are penn cross and the fairways are a mixture of blue grasses.

Frank maintains the course with six people in the winter months and twelve during the spring and summer. One of the projects he is looking forward to with mixed feelings is installing drainage throughout the course and rebuilding most of the sand traps.

KEN'S NOTES

The January meeting at Peninsula Country Club was quite successful despite weather conditions. Renewing acquaintances seemed to be the order of the day as the rainy weather kept play to a minimum. A few of the "old-timers" present were Paul Paulsen, Ed Berardy, Jack Baker, George Santana, Dick Viergever, John Da Dalt and Al Salvi.

Turf Advisor Dave Hanson kept us abreast of his field research in an informative talk. All in all--a good, fun meeting. See you in February.

Ken Sakai, Riverside Golf Course, Coyote

1980 - A YEAR OF GREAT EXPECTATIONS - Jack Baker, H.V.Carter Co., Oakland

This could very well be the YEAR OF DECISION - are YOU - are WE ready? It will be a time for great things to occur - an election year when we individually express our choices by going to the polls to vote - show our patriotism by supporting leaders in government - cooperating and not merely criticizing the efforts to solve the energy problems - documenting accurate information on national and international situations - taking an interest in civic affairs and helping re-define what a true democracy is all about.

We'll all agree there has been too much indecision, bickering and time wasted on insignificant matters and not enough focus on the things that really count. Our nation's prestige is being slowly but surely destroyed and only a 100% effort on everyone's part is required to restore it.

America needs to return to its former image of POWER and STRENGTH and that is only going to be reflected by the re-birth of the character of each one of its citizens.

Let's pull together for GOOD.

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1980 DUES ARE NOW DELINQUENT Class A, B, D, \$30.00
Class F \$35.00 Class E \$5.00

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 30, 31, 1980

Northern California Turfgrass Council Exposition
San Mateo Fairgrounds

February 17-22, 1980

Golf Course Superintendents Association of America
51st International Turfgrass Conference and Show
Alphonso J. Cervantes Convention and Exhibition Center
St. Louis, Missouri

Information Contact GCSAA office Lawrence, Kansas
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THINGS TO DO

Send in 1979 AWARDS OF THE YEAR to Bill Nigh
Sheet enclosed in this newsletter

Contact Mike Clark, CGCS, Nominating committee chairman wants persons interested in serving the association. P. O. Box 487, Kenwood, CA 95452 office 707 539-0333 home 707 833-4363 His committee consists of Mulkh Raj, Livermore 415-443-3342 Al Mooser, Middletown club 707 987-3513 Jim Andrews, Sunnyvale 408 732-7297 Contact any of them with your suggestions.

SEND IN A NOTE FOR THE NEWSLETTER - Just one of you could do that

TARP REGIONAL MEETINGS WILL BE COMING UP.

DIRECTIONS TO SUNSET WHITNEY CC



SUNSET WHITNEY C.C.

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

1979 AWARDS OF THE YEAR

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

Awarded to individual who has contributed to the profession and Superintendents Association above and beyond the call of duty. He would be an active member. He would also be committed to outside activities for the betterment of the Association, such as education, teaching, civic groups, etc.

EXCELLENCE IN GOLF TURF MANAGEMENT

Awarded to individual who has done a superior job of grooming his course, keeping in mind all turf grass management practices and unusual involvement, such as eliminating some severe problem -- drainage - weeds - Poa Annuua - etc.

CLASS F MEMBER

Awarded to Class F member who is deserving because of attendance at meetings, dedication, contributing to the betterment of the Association. Involved in helping individual superintendent on the job, etc.

COMMENTS: Please enter your comments regarding your selection(s) Use back also

Signed _____

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Previous individual cannot be selected again in that category for a period of 10 year
Superintendent of the Year - Clifford A. Wagoner, CGCS; John Engen, Kaz Maseba,
Robert E. Livesey, CGCS, Roy King
Excellence in Golf Turf Management - Gurmit Sandhu, Bill Nigh, Ed Watson, Bob Ford
Mulkh Raj
Class F - Joe Sheffield, Chuck Mangold, Jack Baker, John Steiner, Bill Goodridge

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