

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - by Robert E. Livesey, CGCS, Plaza GC, Visalia

Inflation, an increase in the amount of currency in circulation resulting in a relatively sharp and sudden fall in its value and rise in prices-- this is the way the dictionary defines it. We look at it and say "we are caught between a rock and a hard place."

As Managers of a maintenance budget, we have to get the most for our dollar. There are no coupons to clip before we go to the store. If we are getting a piece of equipment, is it going to do the job we want? Is the supplier going to be able to give us service? Down time for parts costs you money. Most of us are at a point that we cannot afford a spare mower or whatever. If it is a chemical we are buying, what is the percentage of active ingredient? Can we get a chemical with a higher active content for a little more that will go twice as far?

The drought a few years ago taught us to manage our water. Now, with the cost of electricity, we are going to have to do it again.

Remember, as a Golf Course Superintendent you are a Manager. You manage people, money, time, water, turf and equipment. Put it together and you are maintaing a golf complex worth two to three million dollars.

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Sequoyah Country Club was started in 1918. It is the second oldest course in the East Bay area. In 1937 the Oakland open was won by Ben Hogan, which was his first tournament win in his career.

In 1961 the first fully automatic sprinkler system in the East Bay was installed at Sequoyah and the system is still functioning. It is the hydraulic type. Years of experience have proven the electric system to be more successful.

Former President of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, Walter Boysen was Golf Course Superintendent from 1933 till 1970. Gurmit Sandhu served from 1970 to 1975. Bob Dauterman is the Superintendent now. He will have been on the job five years August 25th.

Sequoyah is 6074 yards long. It is a fairly short course and interesting to play. Narrow fairways and the greens being unpredicable makes each time on the course a challenge. There are 25,000 trees on 155 acres. The fairways and tees are mowed 3 times a week with the greens being mowed every day. Due to the hills pull type gang mowers are used.

Bob's crew consists of himself and 9 regular men. Dick Lutz is the new Head Professional at Sequoyah. He is a former P.G.A. touring pro, has won 3 major tournaments and in 1970 was "Rookie of the Year."

Bob's career started at Longview CC in the state of Washington in 1960 as a Golf Course Superintendent. He was there for 12 years. Next, he was

Superintendent at Carmel Valley for four years. He tried one year as a salesman. but decided he preferred the green grass rather than the asphalt and took the superintendent position at Sequoyah.

Bob stated not to be surprised if a German Shepheard named "Sequoyah" greets you. He was found 5 years ago on the course and is the guardian of the equipment and crew.

See you at the meeting.

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REPORT ON CALIFORNIA GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION JOINT MEETING
BY Bob Livesey

On august 10th and 11th the first meeting of the California Golf Course Superintendents Association met at the San Luis Bay Inn, Avila Beach. All Chapters within the state were represented. The overall comments from the people attending were positive. So much so, that plans are being made to hold next years meeting at the same place.

Al Glaze, Superintendent of the San Luis Bay Inn Golf Course was our host. Al, The San Luis Bay Inn, and Floyd Hord, the golf professional went all out to insure everyone a good time.

A brief run down as to what took place:

On Sunday there were three speakers, Vic Gebeault, Howard Ohr, from University of California at Riverside, and Bill Davis, University of California, Davis. All three were excellent presentations. We are still trying to figure out where Bill got the last slide of his presentation. After the educational program, a period was set aside for fun. Some found out the muscels are a little weak (maybe flabby) for soft ball, in fact, even for horse shoes. The ladies were loaded into a bus (by their own free will) for a lunch at the Madona Inn and a tour of the Lawrence Winery. You can still hear the echo of the chatter. Monday morning tee off at 8:00 with the finest weather that could be had, with excellent greens and fine fellowship, what more could be asked.

These fine people helped make this meeting a success H. V. Carter Co., Inc, Duke Equipment & Irrigation, O. M. Scott, Royal Coach Sprinkers. Cushman Motor Sales, B. Haymon Co., Westoro Distributing, Tilden Golf Course and San Luis Bay Inn.

Our THANKS for your support.

GCSA of America 52nd Conference is being held this year in Anaheim, January 24-30, 1981. All National members will be receiving their information soon. This is a good time for all GCSANC members (National or not--you may wish to join when you find out what all GCSAA has to offer) to participate. Seminars, week long educational sessions, exposition show are promises to a full pack week.

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TROUBLE WITH EAR WIGS, SPIDERS, ETC. Cliff Wagoner reports to keep ear wigs, spiders, etc. from invading sprinkler controllers hang $\frac{1}{2}$ of a Shell or similar pest stip in each pedestal.

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Rich Lavine , Castlewood CC, Pleasanton reports an article was printed in the Tri-Valley Herald, Livermore newspaper written by Steve Mona. Steve was talking about Mulkh Raj and Las Positas Golf Course. The Women's Professional Golf Tour has scheduled a tournament for September 15th to 18th. Steve states this is a first for Livermore and Las Positas and you have to give one man a lot of credit, Mulkh Raj.

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RETIREMENT - IS IT ALL THAT IT'S CARACKED UP TO BE?"

By Jack Baker

After 50 years of answering the firebell, battling the commuter traffic and facing the challenges of each work-day the past few weeks of retirement were a most welcome relief - so my initial response to the above question is a hearty YES!

Gone seem the days when one could spend the waking hours enjoying leisure time taking in the beauty of the sunrise, the stroll around the garden checking the sparkling dew on the flowers cheery "good morning" of the neighbor as he too, surveys the wonders of nature. In contrast now everyone seems in such a hurry with their "jogging" - turning off their burglar alarms, checking the cars they have to park on the street for bumps and dents caused the night before, snatching the morning newspaper before someone beats you to it, then running for the bus hoping to land a seat or driving your own car and fighting the bumper-to-bumper traffic both to and from your place of work, hoping the Union has signed the new contract so work will not be interrupted.

YES - retirement is great. It's just too bad that it comes at most times in our lives when we are not able to enjoy it to the fullest. I recommend it.

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JIM PRUSA, Pasatiempo Golf Course, Santa Cruz wishes to report on the Northern California Turfgrass Council seminar

8th Annual Turfgrass and Landscape Maintenance Seminar

October 8, 1980, Wednesday

Sunol Valley Golf Club, Sunol located on 680 South of Castlewood CC

Pre registration Cost \$12.00 at door \$15.00 both prices include lunch
Doors open at 7:30 with opening session at 8:30 a.m.

Contact Marilyn Heindrichs, N.C.T.C., Box268, Lafayette, CA 94549
Phone 415 283-6162 for further information

This is a whole new format which will include information for the mechanics, irrigation man and superintendent.

Theme "Improving Maintenance Efficiency for Survival in Eighties"

Keynote Speaker will be Ron Fream

Concurrent Sessions on Irrigation. Toro, Rainbird and Buckner

Management Session, John Zoller. Equipment purchasing

Equipment Leasing, Rol French, Bank Manager

Contract vs Inhouse Maintenance Zeke Avila Los Angeles

Labor Relations for Eighties Jerry Sheldon, California Association of Employees

The Future of Pesticide Regulation in California, Stan Strew, California

Agricultural Production Consultants Association Sacramento

Lawn Mower, Grinding, Sharpening and Preventative, Gary Allenbrand, Jacobsen, Racine Wisconsin

Hydraulic Equipment Maintenance. Chuck Alsdorf, Toro.

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GCSANC members are being asked to help the Southern California Chapter in hosting the GCSA of America 52nd Conference and Show in Anaheim in 1981. If you are planning on attending, please contact Bob Livesey at any of our meetings.

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The Board of Directors of GCSANC voted to waive Class A and B examination for membership for those members who attend and successfully complete all requirements for four of the five scheduled Superintendent Institutes at Asilomar.

The dates are October 26-31, 1980 Asilomar Conference Grounds Pacific Grove.

Topic: Integrated Pest Management

Fee \$300 includes instruction, study materials, a copy of the proceedings, lodging and meals.

How many superintendents have their pesticide licenses??
It seems with all the mandatory requirements put on pesticides this would be a good place to start with all the information available under one roof.

We can't take the first step

YOU HAVE TO DO IT YOURSELF. Sign up NOW

CONTACT BILL DAVIS, University of California, Davis 916 742-0412

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October 8 - NCTC Turfgrass & Landscape Maintenance Seminar, Sunol
17 - GCSANC Haggin Oaks, Sacramento
26-31 - California Golf Course Superintendents' Institute
November 10 - GCSANC Superintendent-Professional Golf Tournament
Castlewood CC, Pleasanton
December 5 - GCSANC Rancho Canada GC, Carmel

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