

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

I would like to express my thanks to the membership and the Board of Directors for the help and support they have given this past year. Without this our Association would not be healthy and growing. It takes each one of us to make a sound and stable organization. This is one of the many things the Board of Directors strives for. If at the end of the year we can look back and see the positive things that have taken place, our year of service has been worthwhile.

G.C.S.A. of America scholarship, T.A.R.P., Intern Program, Superintendents' Institute and Turf Research are some of the programs our Association supports. These and our monthly meetings are of benefit to all superintendents. The attendance at our meetings has been improving. This shows that there is a good interest in our program as a whole. Education and fellowship go hand-in-hand to help make us all better superintendents.

Once again, my thanks to all for the privilege of serving you this past year as President of G.C.S.A. of Northern California.

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YOUR HOST SUPERINTENDENT - Aart C. de Vos

Aart was born in 1944, Vlaardingen, The Netherlands. He has a B. S. Degree in Ornamental Horticulture, attended Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo and participated in GCSA of America Seminars and Conferences. He started his career as an assistant golf course superintendent at Los Robles Greens Thousand Oaks in 1966 and was superintendent at Lake Arrowhead CC and Soboba Springs CC in Hemet and came to Los Altos CC, Los Altos in 1971.

Aart will be leaving Los Altos on April 1, 1981 to pursue a career in his own businesses, Turf & Tree Specialists, Inc. (landscape contracting and maintenance services) and T & T Distributing (sales company serving the golf industry with seed, fertilizers, chemicals and supplies).

Aart has been a member of GCSA of Northern California since 1972. We wish you the best of luck in your future.

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BOB FORD will be replacing Aart as Golf Course Superintendent at Los Altos CC. Bob was superintendent at Almaden CC, San Jose from 1972 to 1978 when he left to go into private business and then became superintendent at McNary Golf Course in Salem.

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KEVIN ELY, Butte Creek Country Club, Chico is now employed by Duke Equipment Irrigation Company, Sacramento.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF LOS ALTOS GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

The Los Altos Golf & Country Club can trace its beauty and fascinating beginnings from the Spanish American heritage of Santa Clara Valley. Four flags have flown over the Club area--first the flag of Spain, then that of Republican Mexico, and now the California State flag and the Stars and Stripes.

It was in 1839 that Governor Alvarado rewarded a Sergeant Mesa, hero in the campaigns against the Ohlones Indians, with a square league of land in the Santa Clara Valley. This became the Rancho San Antonio. Sergeant Mesa built an adobe house near the present El Monte Station. In 1853 the ranch was taken over by the Dana Bros., who owned it until 1860. At that time the land was divided and sold in three parcels.

The first parcel was the St. Joseph College site; the second included that area where the Pink Horse Ranch and Ford School are now located. The third parcel was bought by a Mr. Hale, who established the famous Hale Cattle Ranch on the land. After Mr. Hale's death the property was sold at an auction in March 1902. An advertisement for the sale stated that this was "fine fruit and wheat land." Lots sold for around \$40 and \$60 an acre.

The chief purchaser was the University of Santa Clara, which planned to use their 700-acre tract as a new site for the college. However, the plans were dropped and the University sold its holdings in 1923.

1923! Old-Timers will recognize that as the birth date of the Los Altos Golf & Country Club.

The Club's Articles of Incorporation are dated October 29, 1923. The newly organized group bought the land, set aside 155 acres for Club use, and subdivided the rest for homes.

According to the Articles of Incorporation the Club was organized "to furnish pleasure, happiness and health to all its members. Pecuniary profit is not its object."

Tom Nicoll (also served on the Northern California Greenskeeper Association which is now GCSA of Northern California back in 1932) was the first Golf Pro and the architect of the Club's facilities. Work on the course and buildings began in September, 1924 and was completed in May, 1925. The present barn located near the 15th tee was already there. It was once the scene of round-ups on the old Hale Cattle Ranch.

Five presidents guided the club through the first eight years from 1923 to 1931. The second 8 years was under one president and saw improvements including a swimming pool and tennis courts.

Because of wartime conditions in 1942 the membership dropped and the Club became in debt. The bank attempted to purchase the Club grounds for commercial use. A good portion of the golf course was sold and the 18 holes reduced to 9 holes. Fortunately the members came forward and

loaned money and even worked on tractors on the course; others did janitorial services; wives served lunches to golfers.

In 1944 things began to pick up. The membership increased over the next few years until it reached its present closed membership of 400. Facilities were enlarged and improved, so they now include a new Golf Pro Shop, new Tennis Shop and Tennis Courts, modern swimming pools, and an automatic sprinkling system on the Golf Course. The Clubhouse also has been "added to" and modernized since the war years.

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Carl Wick, Farm Advisor, Oroville reports "TURFGRASS PESTS" recently updated and back in print is available for \$5.00 Make check to "Regents of the University of California" and MAIL to Agricultural Sciences Publications, University of California, 1422 Harbour Way South, Richmond, CA 94804, OR from your local Extension Office.

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WANTED - GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT - Vallejo Golf Club, P. O. Box 5207, Vallejo, CA 94590 Contact William H. Creig, Secretary 707 642-0247 Position includes supervision of three courses, two 18 holes and one 9 hole Salary negotiable.

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WANTED Turf grass consultant for Bay Area thoroughbred race track. Experience with athletic grass maintenance necessary. Call 415 574-RACE and ask for Diane Frey.

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GRADY SIMRIL, Nominating Chairman and his committee Jack Jagur, Richard Lavine, Mulkh Raj and Leonard Walsh announce the following persons who are running for office

PRESIDENT - James D. Ross
Vice President - Kenneth A. Sakai, Grady L. Simril
SECRETARY-TREASURER - Thomas E. Thatcher, Clifford A. Wagoner
Board of Directors - Steve Carlton, Allan C. Mooser, Frank Olivera,
James G. Prusa, Norman L. Stewart, Thomas M. Unruh
Two to be elected

Persons elected to these offices are privileged to attend all monthly Board meetings so that policies of the Association may be established and to consider matters relating to its welfare.

NOMINATED PERSONS APPROVAL required for nominations made from the floor.

No official proceeding shall be held unless a quorum is present. Remember Membership and Meeting by-law changes to be voted upon also. VOTERS are members with Class A, Class A-Life and Class B, Class E (retired members who were voting in their previous classification).

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

3740 CAHUENGA BLVD. NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIF. 91604 (213) 985-7279



TO: All California Chapters of GCSAA
FROM: Board of Directors, GCSASC
DATE: February 10, 1981
RE: Our thanks for your cooperation and help.

Dear Sirs:

The Board of Directors of GCSASC wish to extend our sincere thanks for your outstanding cooperation in the weeks past, and your invaluable help in putting on the recent GCSAA International Conference & Show at Anaheim. All the committee chairman for the "host association" were repeatedly complimented by national officers and headquarters staff on the flawless conduct of the conference, and your support materially aided in making things run so smoothly.

While we didn't need to use as many of your members as we thought we might, the knowledge that you and your members were ready, willing and able to help certainly made things easier for the committee chairmen. The obvious cooperation among the various associations in California made a distinct and favorable impression on GCSAA's national officers and candidates, and on the headquarters staff personnel. Mr. Wyllie, in particular, was very complimentary throughout the week, and it doesn't appear we did ourselves any harm by our efforts to work together in this matter.

We hope to see you all in Avila Beach May 31. Thanks again for your efforts on behalf of all of California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael R. Heacock", written over a horizontal line.

Michael R. Heacock
Secretary
Golf Course Superintendents Association of Southern California

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San Diego GCSA
Hi-Lo Desert GCSA
Central California GCSA
Northern California GCSA



THRU THE GREEN EDITOR

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DEADLINE DATE FIFTEENTH (15th) OF EACH MONTH

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Phone 209 523-7141

REGISTRATION FORM - California Golf Course Superintendents Association
May 31 & June 1, 1981, San Luis Bay Inn

NAME _____ Amount _____
Enclosed _____

Please circle package or packages desired Package #1, #2, #3.

Package #1 - Registration Package - \$45.00

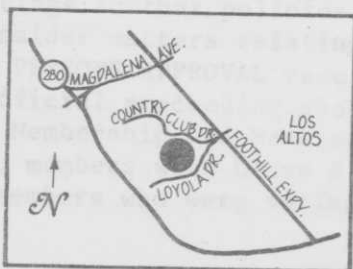
Package #2 - Educational Program Package - \$28.50

Package #3 - Dinner Package - \$20.00

GOLF ENTRY FORM

NAME _____ Handicap _____

If you have a foursome, please specify



LOS ALTOS G. & C.C.
1560 Country Club Drive, Los
Altos, 94022, (415) 948-1024.

CALIFORNIA GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION
 ANNUAL MEETING - May 31 and June 1, 1981
 San Luis Bay Inn, Avila Beach, California

May 31st, SUNDAY

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM - WESTERN THEME - COWBOY BOOTS & HATS

10:00 a.m. - Registration

10:00 a.m. - Board Meeting

11:00 a.m. - Speaker

Confirmed Speakers

12:00 noon - Lunch Break

Published Next Month

1:30 P.m. - Speaker

2:30 p.m. - Speaker

3:30 p.m. - Annual Meeting

6:00 p.m. - Cocktail Hour

7:00 p.m. - Santa Maria Style Barbeque

June 1st, MONDAY

GOLF TOURNAMENT - COWBOY HATS and Golf Shoes Required

8:30 a.m. - Shot Gun Start

REGISTRATION PACKAGE

Package #1	Registration	\$45.00
	Educational Program Luncheon	
	Barbeque Dinner	
	Golf Tournament	
	Golf Cart	
	Golf Luncheon	
	Awards	

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM PACKAGE

Package #2	Registration	\$28.50
	Educational Program Luncheon	
	Barbeque Dinner	

DINNER PACKAGE

Package #3	Barbeque Dinner Only	\$20.00
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Make check payable to GCSA of CALIFORNIA

Mail to Al Glaze, 234 Charles Drive, San Luis Obispo
 California, 93401 Phone 805 543-5512

D E A D L I N E D A T E - M A Y 1 5 t h ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! !

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE THE SAN LUIS BAY INN has reserved 20 rooms for Saturday night and Sunday night.

RATES: Saturday night

Single Occupancy - \$64.00 per person, per day, plus 6% tax

Double Occupancy - \$35.00 per person, per day, plus 6% tax

Sunday night

Single Occupancy - \$50.00 per person, per day, plus 6% tax

Double Occupancy - \$28.00 per person, per day, plus 6% tax

These rates are European Plan.

ADVANCE DEPOSIT & MODE OF RESERVATION - In order to confirm these reservations please mail a deposit of the first night's room revenue (i.e., \$70.00 per couple) along with a note indicating the dates of your reservation and your affiliation with the Golf Course Superintendents Association. All reservations must be received no later than April 30, 1981. Reservations will not be accepted by phone and will not be accepted without a deposit. All deposits are refundable should you cancel your reservation provided the hotel is given cancellation notice by May 27, 1981.

Mail reservation deposit to - SAN LUIS BAY INN

P. O. Box 188

Avila Beach, California 93424

Listed below are more motels in the area. Please make your reservations as soon as possible as it is a very busy time of year.

Budget Motel	San Luis Obispo	543-6443	
Discovery Inn	San Luis Obispo	543-2036	
Howard Johnsons	San Luis Obispo	654-2000	
Kon Tiki	Pismo Beach	773-4833	
Lo-Tide Motel	Avila Beach	595-2041	All Area Code 805
Madonna Inn	San Luis Obispo	543-3000	
Motel 6	San Luis Obispo	544-8400	
Royal Oak	San Luis Obispo	544-4410	
Sands	San Luis Obispo	544-0500	
Sea Crest	Pismo Beach	773-4608	
Sea Gypsy	Pismo Beach	773-1802	
Shore Cliff	Pismo Beach	773-4671	
Spyglass	Pismo Beach	773-4855	
Surfside Motel	Avila Beach	595-2300	

T H A N K S to these SUPPORTERS of "THRU THE GREEN

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Menlo Park 94025

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Concord 94520

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21535 Stage Coach Road
Los Gatos 95030

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Manteca 95336

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Oakland 94604

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5700 Cherokee Road
Stockton 95205

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3381 Vincent Dr
Pleasant Hill 94523

DUKE EQUIPMENT & IRRIGATION INC.
2344 Auburn Blvd
Sacramento 95821

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Mountain View 94042

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Los Angeles 90058

HYDRO-TEC
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Milpitas 95035

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MONSANTO AG PRODUCTS CO
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Fresno 93710

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P. O. Box NCGA
Pebble Beach 93953

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San Jose 95112

PLANT GRO CORPORATION
P. O. Box 703
San Jose 95106

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244 Castillon Way
San Jose 95119

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1996 Old Oakland Road
San Jose 95131

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1050 Twenty-second Avenue
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WARREN'S TURF NURSERY
P. O. Box 459
Suisun City 94585

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50 Edwards Court - P.O.Box 4368
Burlingame 94010

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Burlingame 94010