

LAKE MERCED GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB was founded in 1922. In 1964 the Division of Highways built Junipero Serra Boulevard so Lake Merced had to rebuild the club house and golf course. The course is 18 holes with a par of 72. It was designed by Robert Muir Graves.

EDWARD J. BERARDY was honored by Lake Merced CC upon his retirement as Golf Course Superintendent last week. Ed started on the course at the age of 15. He later became foreman and finally superintendent. He has been a member of GCSA of Northern California since 1954. He received his 25 year pin from the Association in 1979. Ed Berardy is also a Class A member of GCSA of America. Good luck upon your retirement.

LOU TONELLI has become Golf Course Superintendent of Lake Merced upon Ed's retirement. Lou started his golf course career at the California Golf Club in San Francisco under Paul Paulsen. He has been working under Ed since 1966. Lou invites you to come to the meeting.

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's 52nd International Turfgrass Conference and Show at the Anaheim Convention Center is behind us. Many superintendents and suppliers were in attendance from Northern California. I counted 50(not including wives) but I'm not listing in case I missed seeing you. Persons returning from the conference brought back much information obtained from the educational sessions and the large equipment show. The camaraderie of superintendents and your knowledge gained should make you enthused enough to mark the dates of January 31-February 5, 1982 for the 53rd Conference to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The following were elected to serve for 1981 at the membership meeting Michael R. Bavier, CGCS Inverness Golf Club, Palating, Illinois-President James A. Wyllie, Bayview CC, Thornhill, Ontario, Canada - Vice President Eugene D. Baston, CGCS, Birmingham (Alabama) CC - Director Riley Lee Stottern, CGCS, Jeremy Ranch CC, Salt Lake City, Utah -Director Completing the board are Directors Paul Boizelle, CGCS, Fiddlers Elbow CC Far Hills, New Jersey; Edward Dembnicki, Arcadian Shores Golf Course, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Robert W. Osterman, CGCS, Connecticut Golf Club, Easton, Connecticut, and James W. Timmerman, CGCS, Orchard Lake (Michigan) CC. Outgoing President Melvin B. Lucas Jr., CGCS Piping Rock Club, Long Island, New York will serve on the association's Board of Directors for an additional year.

GCSAA NATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT by Dick Viergever

The Association's National Golf Tournament was held in conjunction with the National Turfgrass Conference on January 22nd and 23rd. It was played at Industry Hills Golf Courses which are located at the City of Industry about twenty miles north of Anaheim.

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California was represented by Jim Andrews, Bob Dauterman, Aart de Vos, Gale Love, George Santana, Time Sedgley and Dick Viergever.

The four man team for Northern California was comprised of deVos, Dauterman, Love and Sedgley. The courses were tough and it may be just as well that nothing be said about the scores. Most, if not all of our Northern California people did, however, win a trophy of one kind or another. The GCSAA championship was won by Dan Meyers of Temple Terrace CC in Florida with a gross score of 70 - 77 - 147.

Much can be said about the golf courses on which the tournament was played. They are part of a 63 million dollar convention and recreation complex owned and operated by the City of Industry, California. The Babe Zaharias and the Eisenhower courses are both long and difficult with the Eisenhower course stretching out to over 7200 yards from the black tees. To play from the back tees, incidentally, one must have a handicap of ten or less. The courses are spectacular and I thought, fine courses although many golfers object to the long walks from green to tee in many cases although I would assume that most golfers would use carts. The rough areas are planted to wild flowers which are impressive to look at, and I am sure, even more so in the summer time but sometimes results in lost balls. One of the interesting aspects is the tram car which takes carts and golfers up the hill to the restaurant and pro shop.

Our old friend Bill Bengeyfield, formerly of the USGA Green Section is "Director of Golf Courses and Grounds". Bill tells us there are a total of over 300 acres in ornamentals planted at a cost of over a million dollars and more than 400 acres of turf. The greens are built according to USGA specifications and to me, although their newness is still apparent, they looked and putted very well. There are cart paths around the entire courses and carts are required to stay on them. The area along the paths from greens to tees are planted to wild flowers and ornamentals. There is a double deck lighted driving range with some 100 tees.

There is an elaborate golf library in the building which would be of interest to anyone involved in the game of golf in any way.

When completed the eleven story building will house four restaurants and a ballroom seating 1100 people. It will also house hotel facilities and everything needed for a complete convention center. The complex also includes deluxe tennis courts, swimming center and riding stables with riding and hiking trails.

Those of us who attended would recommend that anyone having occasion to be in the area pay Industry Hills a visit.

An added attraction was the challenge match between the "greenkeepers" from Scotland and a team from GCSAA. Eight players from each country teed off at the Santa Anna CC on Saturday. The results have not been

public, but George Santana and I were in the gallery for a couple of hours and good fellowship and enjoyment were much in evidence. I believe this match will become an annual affair.

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BOARD NOTES - Ken Sakai, Secretary

The newsletter will not accept advertising; but we will run an introductory article on our Supporters of "Thru the Green". For more information contact Tom Thatcher, Editor

Two bylaw changes approved by the Board to be voted upon at election meeting in April

ARTICLE II - Membership - Section 4 - Approval or Rejection of Application second sentence now reads "Each applicant for Class A or B membership shall be required to pass a written and/or oral examination which has been approved by the Board of Directors.

Change - Each Applicant for Class A or B membership will be required to pass a written and/or oral examination which has been approved by the Board of Directors, except the Board may waive examinations for those Class A or B applicants who are current Class A or B members of a GCSA Chapter, who have been active for a minimum of 5 years or who are Class A or B members of a GCSA Chapter that requires an examination for both classifications.

ARTICLE IV - Meetings - Section 4 - Quorum Reads "One-fourth (1/4) of all eligible voters shall constitute a quorum. No official proceeding shall be held unless a quorum is present.

Change - Twenty (20) eligible voters plus a majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum. No official proceeding shall be held unless a quorum is present.

GCSAA National Conference will be in San Francisco in 1985

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We are sorry to report the death of WILLIAM M. RAVEL who passed away at the age of 59 years on January 12, 1981. Our deepest sympathy to his wife Corinne . Bill started business with his brothers Alvin and Herb at Plant Gro Corporation, San Jose in the early 1950's. He has been a member of GCSA of Northern California since 1959. He will be missed.

BOB DIXON, Occidental Chemical, gave an excellent presentation on the use of sulphur coated urea. This is just one more maintenance tool that golf course superintendents should take a look at. Thanks to Saratoga CC and Host Superintendent Bill Huff for making their club available to the members. Golf course was great and the food delicious. All who attended appreciated the hospitality.

Keep sending in information as to what you are doing - all of you -

Glenn H. Gilbert, Oakmoore Golf Club, Stockton is now retired and living in Modesto. He states he is employed by the Senior Aids of Stanislaus County as a handy man and gardener 4 hours a day.

Walter Boysen and wife Maxine have been sightseeing in Europe, a bout with the flu, playing golf and more plans for a lot more travel.

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SUPPORTER OF THRU THE GREEN

Mr. Don Scott, President of NAIAD Company, Pleasanton 415 462-5855 appreciates the opportunity to tell you about his product. Any more information wanted please contact him.

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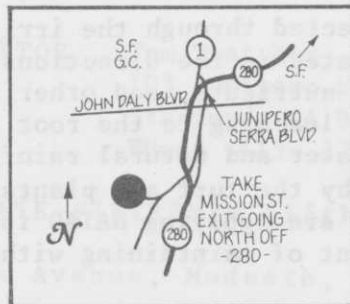
Items needed to complete your Superintendent's Survival Kit from
Tom Thatcher

- A Darth Vader mask to wear while doing performance evaluations
- An underwater cage for swimming with sharks.
- A mind like a steel trap to help keep abreast of legal and administrative requirements which conflict, but which still require full compliance.
- A magic wand to make change quick and effortless without encountering opposition.
- A large hat collection to be more effective in wearing different hats.
- An effective diet for conversational fat in the department.
- A large eraser to deal with BIG mistakes.
- A sling-shot for trouble shooting
- Sandpaper for combating abrasive personalities.
- A safe deposit box for saving face.
- A siphon to help sort out the pure dribble from the meetings you attend.
- No-Doz: because there is never time to do it right, but always time to do it over.
- Nerves of steel, plus one can of rust- repellent.
- Scotch tape for temporary solutions and Band-aids for hurt feelings.
- A sense of humor, empathy, wisdom, hope.

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GRADY SIMRIL has been appointed to be the nominating chairman. Any volunteers or suggestions contact him at 415 531-9300 Ext 277 or at home 415 547-3071. His committee will consist of Jack Jagur 916 753-3366 Richard Lavine 415 462-8123, Mulkh Raj 415 449-4025, and Leonard Walsh 408 338-3541. Any Class A or B members wishing to serve the Association please give anyone of the above persons a call.

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