PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Ken Sakai, CGCS, Riverside Golf Course, Coyote

Your Association has elected the following officers for 1982. They are Ken Sakai, CGCS, President

Bob Ford, Vice President

Tim Sedgley, Secretary-Treasurer

Michael R. Clark, CGCS, Director

Randy Gai, Director

Hold over Directors Allan Mooser, CGCS and Thomas Thatcher, and Past President James Ross completes your board.

The following committees have been assigned chairmen

TARP (Turfgrass Adaptive Research Program) - Bob Livesey, Cliff Wagoner Intern (Golf Course Superintentendent Training)- Cliff Wagoner, Ken Sakai State Affairs - Jim Ross, Bob Ford

National Affairs - Jim Ross, Cliff Wagoner

Meetings (place and programs) - Randy Gai, Al Mooser

Membership - Bob Ford, Tom Thatcher

Editor - Tim Sedgley

Golf - Mike Clark

Please feel free to direct any comments to the Board members or Committee Chairmen. Changes only take place when we have interested participants that are willing to let the Board know their desires and are prepared to work with us to realize these goals.

I look forward to facing the challenges of the upcoming year with your help. The key word would be communication --- Let us know what we can do for you. I challenge you to approach us, bring in a new member or let us have some of your time to enrich the Association. Let's work together for the betterment of our professional goals.

## ANNUAL MEETING - by Bob Ford and Tim Sedgley

The annual meeting is one of, if not, the most important meeting of the year. The last two annual meetings have been attended by only 20% of the voting membership. Obviously more participation is needed to effectively run an organization. Some suggestions to increase attendance were: 1. Absentee ballots

- 2. Winter annual meeting
- 3. Centralized location meeting.

The Association is for everyone - not for special interest groups. Granted our jobs come first, but with a little planning most members can participate in a majority of Association activities. The Superintendents Association has to be more than a few drinks and a round of golf. Northern California has a great deal to offer in the golf business.

Board meetings are open to any Association member. If you have a complaint or suggestion write a letter to the Board. Verbal communication other than at Board meeting can not be acted upon.

Surveys have been sent out in the past with very little response. If you are not active in the Association, let the Board know how you think the Association can or should be improved.

"those who can destroy a thing have absolute control over it"

--Frank Herbert, Book of Dune

Many of you are, and should be, concerned about the lack of interest and membership participation in our organization's activities, meetings and sponsored events. We strongly feel this situation is due in large measure to poor communication.

COMMUNICATION - (ka mu na ka shan), noun; the act of making known; intercourse by speech, correspondence, messages, etc.; information means of passing from one place to another.

This newsletter is a potentially valuable communication vehicle. We suggest the following changes in format to increase its usefulness;

A President's message column. This would allow the President to pass along information on matters under consideration by the Board.

A letters to the editors section. We would like to provide a forum for the membership by printing your reactions to association events. Your feedback is essential if the Board is to provide activities worthy of your attendance.

A thinking superintendent section. Perhaps some of you would like to share your ideas, innovations and equipment modifications with the rest of us. Pictures, black and white only, with a short article, would be welcome.

Educational material. Relevant technical material could be included in each edition, hopefully in a timely and useful manner.

These changes cannot occur without your informational input and support. This newsletter and Association are things you have absolute control over.

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### APRIL MEETING NOTES

The following people have been member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California since 1957. They were given their 25-year pins.

George Bell, Class F, Irrigation Consultant, is still an active member of the organization.

Robert E. Hanna retired as executive secretary of NCGA and was given an Honorary Membership in GCSANC. He was a "true friend" of the golf course superintendent.

Luther Hollis, Retired Superintendent from Golden Hills G & CC, Tehachapi is now taking the opportunity of playing golf 5 times a week.

Wm. Bill Martindale retired as a golf course superintendent from Temelec in 1974. He spent about 20 years at Sonoma Golf & CC and has worked all over the Sonoma valley doing landscaping, building lawns, etc. with HORSES. He enjoyed coming to meeting and was helped a lot by talking and listening to other superintendents views on different problems.

#### MEMBERSHIP

WILLIAM B. "BILL" DAVIS, Environmental Horticulturist at the University of California, Davis has been made an Honorary Member of the GCSA of Northern California because of his untiring contribution to the Asilomar Conferences.

Class A Members - change in your new directory \_ PASSED THEIR EXAM ERIK DE LAMBERT, Gleneagles Int'l Golf Course, San Francisco

PAUL DIAS, Palo Alto Municipal Golf Course, Palo Alto

TIM SEDGLEY, Palo Alto Hills Golf & CC, Palo Alto

Class B passed exam

PETER SANDOVAL, Sunken Gardens, Sunnyvale

# Class E Retired

HIROSHI TSUTSUI, Lake Chabot Golf Course, Oakland

CORLISS EASTWOOD, Churn Creek Golf Course, Redding passed the Class A examination from Sierra Nevada, GCSA and also becomes an A of GCSA of Northern California.

RALPH GILLINGHAM, Class E Retired from Baywood Golf & CC, Arcata 1270 Sugar Pine Road, Meadow Vista, CA 95722

NEW ADDRESSES NEEDED FOR Michael Ginelli and Rick Key please send to office 1233 Kansas Avenue, Modesto, CA 95351

Our last meeting had timely information about the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach Golf Links June 17-20, 1982. Tim Sedgley and Lynn Kellogg showed slides and spoke on previous U.S. Opens and Michael Phillips told of the preparation that has been going on the last year or so to get his course prepared. Good Luck and we hope the weather holds for you, Mike

Ron Read from the USGA office at Pebble Beach states that superintendents can gain free admittance by being members of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America or by having their club a member of the United States Golf Association. Not all clubs are USGA clubs. Any information may be obtained from Ron at 408 624-2011.

Thank you fellows for enlightening us about the extras that go into preparing a course for such an event. Hope to see you in the crowd.

Thank you too, Mike Clark for making arrangements for us to meet, eat and golf at Oakmont, Santa Rosa.

# NCTC FIELD TRIP — JUNE 16,1982

NO DOOR REGISTRATION - Deadline June 10, 1982 Limit 100

The field trip will include SUNSET GARDENS, MARINE WORLD U.S.A. AND CANDLESTICK PARK. Meet, Park and Check in at Sunset House at 7:30 a.m. SUNSET HOUSE - Corner of Middlefield Road and Willow Road, Menlo Park (between Palo Alto and Redwood City). Take Willow Road (West) exit from Hwy 101 (Bayshore Fwy), drive to intersection of Middlefield Road.

INFORMATION - Dave Graves 415 536-9300

SEND \$17.00 check to reserve your spot to NCTC, P. O. Box 268 Lafayette, CA 94549 Phone 415 283-6162

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## Herman - James Unger



"Something tells me I'm in for a very long day."



LOS ALTOS GCC 1560 Country Club Dr., Los Altos,

Picked this up from PIP (Postal Instant Press)
"TYPO'S"

The typographical error
Is a slippery thing and sly.
You can hunt till you are dizzy,
But it somehow will get by.
Till the forms are off the presses,
It is strange how still it keeps,
It shrinks down in the corner,
And it never stirs or peeps.

The typographical error
Too small for human eyes,
Till the ink is on the paper,
When it grows to mountain size!
The boss just stares with horror,
Then he grabs his hair and groans.
The copy reader drops her head
Upon her hands and moans.
The remainder of the issue
May be as clean can be,
But that typographical error
Is the only thing you "sea"!

How true--How true - Liquid paper doesn't even catch them all

The program will be announced at the meeting on June 10, 1982

Information has to be in the hands of the EDITORS or at the office no later than the 15th of each month.

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