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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all our participants at the Christmas meeting at Rancho Canada. The course, itself, survived both the rains, beforehand, and an odd assortment of a 100 or so golfers. While we didn"t challenge any course records we did get to play 18 holes in some glorious, sunny weather. Thank you again to the staff of Rancho. . . Carl, John, and Shim. Special thanks to superintendent Tim Greenwald and wife, Hayes, for their help.

While in Monterey we set up our handicapping system with the NCGA. They will provide us with the same service they provide the PGA of NC. Myrtle can answer any questions in regard to our new service.

Ken

Mark your calendar for Jan. 9, 1986 where we will meet again at Diablo Creek in Concord. Until then, stay warm and have a very Merry Chrismas.

MEETINGS

JANUARY 15-16 - 22nd Annual Turf & Landscape Exposition, Sacramento Convention Center

JANUARY 29-Feb 5"- 57th International Golf Course Conference & Show, San Francisco

FEBRUARY 19 - Fairway Glen GC, Santa Clara

MARCH - Arbuckle GC, Arbuckle (Joint meeting - Sierra Nevada)

APRIL - Richmond CC, Richmond (Annual Meeting)

MAY - De Laveaga GC, Santa Cruz

JUNE - Palo Alto Hills CC, Palo Alto

JULY 14 - Silverado CC & Resort, Napa (Supt/Pro Tournament)

Naumann's Norcal News - by Don Naumann

- JIM ANDREWS has retired as Superintendent of Sunnyvale Municipal GC after many years of devoted service to the city. Now he can spend sometime trying to improve his golf game.
- PETE SANDOVAL has been named to replace Jim at Sunnyvale Municipal GC. Pete, a long time member, was the Assistant at Sunkan Gardens GC, another Sunnyvale city course.

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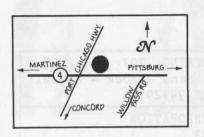
*RESERVATION CARD . . . your name and guest name are only persons counted as definite attendees. Each member should be responsible for sending in his own reservation card. Your foursome preference will only be considered if cards have been received by the individuals mentioned.

applications now available at the GCSA of No. Calif. office. Call Myrtle (209 523-7141) for application and get it back to her by the 10th of the month, so they can be completed and mailed back to the NCGA.

*If you have not received your 1986 membership card yet - Did you Pay? - 1986 dues are due and payable now. Be sure to fill out the update information along with your payment. If there is any problem, what else, call Myrtle.

HOST SUPERINTENDENT

RODNEY KILCOYNE, CGCS, began his golf course career as a caddy in 1957 at a private course in Northern Iowa. They allowed the caddies to play on Monday mornings and he has been hooked on golf courses ever since. Following three years of service in the Army he began working at "Concord Muni" as it was called then in 1967. Progressing through the ranks of seasonal laborer, greenskeeper, and assistant, he became the Superintendent in 1974 when Bill Cambra took a management position with the newly built Concord



Pavilion. Three years of driving to Sacramento at night, ended with a B.S. degree in Park Management from California State University Sacramento in 1977. Since 1978 Rod has served as an elected official on the Contra Costa Resource and Conservation District.

Concord Municipal Golf Course was built in 1962 utilizing Concord Public Works employees and equipment. The golf course was designed by Bob Baldock and opened for play in 1963. Freeway

construction in 1975 changed five holes on the front side next to the free-way. Re-design work was done by Robert Graves. When the course was reopened for play after the freeway project it decided to drop the "Concord Muni" title and rename it Diablo Creek Golf Course, after the creek which passes through the golf course. We found out in 1982 that the "creek" can be a river when approximately 1/3 of the golf course was flooded. The most difficult part of the course is getting a tee time, since we play a 100,000 rounds a year.



"THAT CADON SURE HAS DONE WONDERS FOR HARV'S GAME."

MONTHLY FEATURE
COMPLIMENTS OF
JAMES FERRIN
DRY CREEK RANCH

The golf world has lost a great golfer. "Babe" Brinkworth's heart gave out November 16. "Babe" truly loved golf. He played the game right handed all of his life. Many days I could hear him brag about the 11 putt nine he had. It was the only way he could come close to par. Babe's father was a Canadian golf club maker and golf course superintendent at Jasper Park Golf Club and Resort. "Babe" and Mollie, his wife, loved to travel in their mobil camper. "Babe" was very content to stay home and repair and build golf clubs. His collection of old Hickory shaft clubs was one of the best. He studied the game, knew the clubs, and the history of golf. He made a point to seek out the club makers all over the world. The superintendents could get a sympathetic ear about Toro Equipment from "Babe". I have known Mr. Toro since 1957 and have tried to get him to say a sour word about a toro mistake. Never would he put down the "red iron". He was inovative in getting input into a new machine. He loved to take pictures. His pictures of golf course maintenance areas were classic. "Babes" last few years were spent enjoying "Deep Cliff" his home course. He made and marketed a club called "THE BABE".

I know that the "Ole Babe" has a great starting time in heaven. He might even be playing with a golfer with an honest handicap.

Memorium, by Gene Stoddard

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GCSAA NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 15, 1985

An estimated 10,000 golf course superintendents and others from around the globe will converge on San Francisco for the 57th annual International Golf Course Conference and Show sponsored by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) January 27-February 4th, 1986.

Most major activities associated with the premier event of the golf turf industry will be in the Moscone Convention Center.

Retired Air Force General Charles "Chuck" Yeager -- a World War II fighter plane hero, career test pilot and the first man to break the sound barrier -- will deliver the keynote address during the Opening Session at 9 a.m. Friday, January 31.

Singer Dinah Shore will present GCSAA's prestigious Old Tom Morris Award to world golf ambassador Patty Berg, co-founder, charter member and first president of the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) during the gala GCSAA Banquet attended by dignitaries from the world of golf at 7 p.m. Monday, February 3, in the San Francisco Hilton & Tower. Entertainment will be provided by the Lettermen, a versatile and enduring popular singing group.

In another highlight of the nine-day conference, millions of dollars worth of the latest equipment, products and services used in the management of golf courses and grounds will be displayed by about 300 exhibitors at the Conference's big Trade Show covering more than 115,000 square feet. The Show will be open for 19 hours Saturday through Monday, February 1-3.

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Throughout the Conference, nearly 150 leading golf course superintendents, educators, researchers and representatives of the industry will lead more than 350 hours of seminars and other educational sessions covering every facet of turfgrass management and many related subjects such as communication, the public golf course, personnel management, computer applications in golf course operations, landscaping, golf course design and many other topics of interest to golf course and turfgrass managers.

GCSAA will hold its annual business meeting and election of officers on Monday, February 3. Nominated for President is Riley L. Stottern, CGCS, of Park City Utan. Running for Vice President are Donald E. Hearn, CGCS, Weston, Mass.; Jonn E. Laake, CGCS, Columbus, Ohio, and James M. Taylor, Sr., CGCS, Midland, Texas. Vying for three director's positions on the Executive Committee are Gerald L. Faubei, CGCS, Saginaw, Mich.; Stanley Boraski, CGCS, Charlotte, N.C.; Stephen G. Cadenelli, CGCS, Toms River, N.J.; William R. Roberts, CGCS, Stevens Point, Wis.; and Kenneth A. Sakai, CGCS, Rodeo, CA.

Other awards to be presented to GCSAA members at the Opening Session on Friday by GCSAA President Eugene D. Baston, CGCS, include Chapter Newsletter Awards, Distinguished Service Awards and the Leo Feser Award for excellence in literary contributions to the Association's magazine, Golf Course Management, by a member golf course superintendent.

A Spouse's Program is also conducted in conjunction with the GCSAA Conference and Show.

The Association's Annual Member Golf Championship will be played January 27-28 at Palm Desert, CA. The tournament has been held since 1938.

CHRISTMAS



















A special thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Claus for handing out some nice gifts to to the lucky winners!

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For those who remained there were some suprise Christmas Cards given out, sorry there were no big winners, but it was interesting to see how people scratch off those lottery tickets.

A special thanks to Paul Dias and John Grant for their hard work on the entire day. It was very enjoyable. We couldn't have hit a better day.

Thank you to the entire Rancho Canada staff for their work and support through the day and the dinner and dancing. Thank you to Tim Greenwald and his crew for their hard work in preparing the course after the rain. Nice job Tim.

Any of you that don't or can't make the Annual Christmas Party don't know what you are missing. It's the time of year that all should get together and enjoy each others company and friendship in an atmosphere that we all share . . . the game of Golf. Have a wonderful and prosperous New Year!

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