

OUR HOST AND HIS GOLF COURSE

Denny Plato was born and raised in Alameda California. He began his golf career picking up balls at Airway Fairways Driving Range under the direction of Lucious Bateman. After a short time, Denny started taking care of the putting green. At the age of 17, he went to work at Blackberry Farms GC in San Jose.

Within two years, he was promoted to superintendent and worked in this capacity until he entered the Marine Corps.

After completing his service obligation, he returned to Blackberry Farms. In September 1966, he moved back to Alameda to take a night irrigation position. In March of 1968, He became foreman under the direction of Earl Vargas and Chris Garcia.

Denny was promoted to S

His hobbies are golf, hunt

. The original Alameda Go

bay fill. In 1955, an addit

constructed and followed in 1962 with a Par-3 9 hole

course. Now the complex consists of 300 acres, 45 holes of golf, lighted driving range, restaurant, lounge, and pro shop.

The Earl Fry Course plays over 100,000 rounds per year, the Jack Clark Course over 80,000 and the Mif Albright Par-3, approximately 50,000 per year.

Jack Theilade is the head professional and Fred Framsted is the General Manager of golf operations.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DROUGHTA key word we have been hearing a lot of this year, and one which we will become more familiar with as the growing season progresses. As turf professionals, we are going to be in the limelight regarding water conversation measures since our large expanses of land require major quantities of water in order to

maintain the "green effect" that golfers are accustomed to seeing and playing on.



Since the water problem is of grave concern at this time, we have changed our original program scheduled for this month's meeting at the Alameda Golf Complex. Originally, Carey Krefft was scheduled to speak on new sprayer technology. However, due to the urgency of the drought situation, Bob Dauterman, our program coordinator, in conjunction with Cliff Wagoner, and Ali Harivandi, have put together a timely program

concerning the effects of reduced irrigation on turfgrasses and landscape plants. They will touch on subjects ranging from what the short and long term effects will be, to some helpful hints on how you can modify your irrigation system. To any Golf Course Superintendent who has gone through a drought, or has experienced mandatory rationing, we can use your experiences and information to share with other superintendents. Please call Bob or Cliff. Your input will be more than helpful regarding what to expect in the months to come. This will be a very interesting program, and I urge everyone to attend.

John Winskowicz, left, West Star receives congratulations from Emil Yappert, Moyer Chemical, and Bob Pedersen, H.V. Carter, on being selected for the "Class F Merit Award"



George Santana, center, receives the first "Distinguished Service Award" given by the CGCSNC from Paul. V.P. Pete Bibber, right, looks on.

Michael Garvale, CGCS, left, is honored with the 1988 "Excellence in Golf Turf Management" Award from Corey Eastwood, CGCS



Steve Carlton, CGCS receives the "Superintendent of the Year" Award for 1988 from the President



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-DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY 10 (TUES) ALAMEDA
MAY 15-16(S-M) SAN LUIS BAY
JUN 21 (TUES) SARATOGA
JULY 12 (TUES) GREEN HILLS
AUG 16 (TUES) FOUNTAIN GROVE
SEPT
OCT 3 (MON) ANCIL HOFFMAN

WE NEED A GOLF COURSE JULY 28th

for our GCSANC sponsored junior golf tournament. Contact Corey Eastwood, CGCS, at Green Hills if you can provide a place for the kids to hold thier 2 Man Better Ball Tourney for the '88 season.

Thanks to Pat Sullivan, writer for the San Francisco Newspapers, for attending our last meeting and giving us some ink in the April 16th Green Sheet.

golf at santa clara an scramble event

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Weather ton jr., Husting, M. Eastwood,
and Pedersen.

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Brownlie, Kilcoyne, Tsutsui, Sakai



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Romain Roberts, Bay Meadows GC,
San Mateo

Kathy Hesketh, Sierra Chemical,
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Carey Krefft, NSTC/Farmtec, San
Leandro

Jerry Zella, Sprinkler Irrigation
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PENDING EXAMS

Thomas Nowak, Van Buskirk GC,
Stockton

Carol Lozito, Bishop GC, Bishop
Edward Ferreira Jr., Royal Vista GC,
San Ramon

Darren Markus, Gilroy G&CC, Gilroy
Cliff Rourke, Riverside GC, Coyote

*Must take exam this month or
remain a Class D

James Mannion, Lincoln Park, S F
Sean Sweeney, Sharp Park, Pacifica

"One day someone will wake up and make the greens playable. Putting on tricked up greens like this is no fun at all...Now you just tap the ball and pray to God to get within 10 to 12 feet. If thats golf, I'm in the wrong league. -- Fuzzy Zoeller

What they said about the greens at Augusta_____

Masters Chairman Hord Hardin made one brief statement: "The players on the tour have been playing so many courses not set up like this that they are not used to it since the last major."

Curtis Strange, 1987 player of the year, "I have to question if Mr. Jones would've wanted it this way. I just wonder. I don't feel like I'm out of line. I'm no greenskeeper, but the greens are burn't up. Some have no grass."

Tom Watson, twice a winner of this tournament, is a staunch supporter of Paul Latshaw, course superintendent at the National.

"The greens are fair. This man knows what he is doing."

Watson said. "He's not gonna let the greens get away from him..

Six time Masters champion Jack Nicklaus agrees there is reason for concern (con't next page)

Masters con't_____

but didn't lash out at tournament officials. "When they changed the greens in '81, they only rebuilt some of them," Nicklaus said. "Because of the difference in substructures, it causes them to dry at different speeds. They went to bent grass in an effort for more consistent putting surfaces. Because of the substructures, they still aren't consistent.

"They try to prepare a perfect golf course on every hole. The problem is they single cut one, double cut one, and triple cut another. That makes all the greens have different speeds. But they try to do the best job for us."

"Every time you hear complaints on the first two days, they put a little water on the greens. They'll be fine for Saturday." (Thanks to Mike McCraw, Superintendent at Aptos Seascap, for bringing back this information from Augusta.)

In answer to the charges that the attempts to make the course too tough only in the last couple of years, here is an excerpt from Jones book. Chapter 20. Jones died in 1971.

"Our overall aim at Augusta National has been to provide a golf course of considerable natural beauty, relatively easy for the average golfer to play, and at the same time testing for the expert player striving to better par figures.....Obviously, with a course as wide open as needed to accommodate the average golfer, we can only tighten it up by increasing the difficulty of play around the hole.

"This we attempt to do during the tournament by placing the flags in more difficult and exacting positions and by increasing the speed of the greens.....Additionally, we try to maintain our greens of such a firmness that they will only hold a well-played shot and not a ball that has been hit without the backspin reasonably to be expected, considering the length of the shot." That pretty well debunks the theory that fast, hard greens are new.

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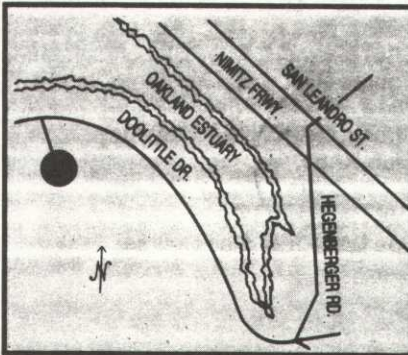
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