



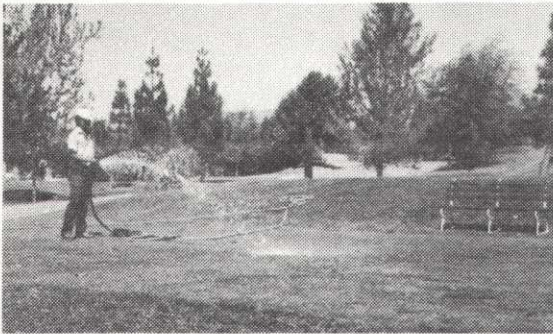
Better hit the ball straight if you want to play on the green grass.

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The pond by the club house makes a pretty good catch basin for run off but its level is dropping weekly.

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Hand watering the trees and greens is more expensive but necessary.

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One of many tree wells.

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Traveling sprinkler in motion.



Pump system put in to use the pond water for traveling sprinklers.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Some random notes...The Northern California Turfgrass council is actively seeking someone from the Golf Course Industry to be part of their Board of Directors. If anyone is interested in participating, please contact their office for more information.

The Golf Course Construction Techniques Seminar coming up next month will undoubtedly be a sell out. Be sure to get your registration in soon as this is the most popular seminar currently available from GCSAA.

Many of you out there reading this are not Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Members (sometimes referred to as the "National"), and as such I would encourage you to join. Besides the very comprehensive Golf Course Management Magazine and educational seminars, many useful pieces of information are continually available. Contact our office for an application.

Board Member Joe Rodriguez and Superintendent of the Year Steve Carlton are currently working on a scholarship program to be administered by GCSNAC. Anyone with ideas or candidates, please contact Joe or Steve.

The University of California Cooperative Extension in Alameda County has compiled a package of information pertaining to efficient turf and irrigation. This could be a valuable source of landscape information in communication with club members, the public, and the media regarding supportive information for our irrigation management techniques. Request must be accompanied with a self-addressed stamped 9"x12" envelope (with \$1 postage) to: DROUGHT, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION, 224 W. WINTON AVE., ROOM 174, HAYWARD, CA. 9544.

As I mentioned at the Fountain Grove meeting, be on the lookout for information on the BIG PRIZE GIVEAWAY coming soon to disburse the SIGGA golf funds.

Paul

## MEMBERSHIP AUGUST 1988

Recently Certified by GCSAA:  
Edwin Bale, Northwood GC  
Mulkh Raj, Los Positas GC

Passed Class A Exams:  
Campbell Turner, DeLavaeaga GC  
Cliff Rourke, Riverside GC  
Tim Sedgley, CGCS, Oakhurst CC

Passed Class B Exams:  
Carol Lozito, Bishop CC  
Darren Markus, Gilroy GC

Pending Exams Class A:  
Steve Good, Napa Muni GC

Pending Class B Exams:  
Abelardo Pacheco, Franklin Canyon GC

New Class F Members:  
J.E. "Ed" Keegan, Purity Products co. Santa Rosa  
Douglas MacDonald, Russel D. Mitchell Assoc., Walnut Creek  
Francis Watkins, Watkins Landscape, Fremont

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OUR HOST AND HIS GOLF COURSE

Our Host Superintendent, Leonard Theis, is a graduate of U.C. at Davis. He began on the crew at Northridge CC in Fair Oaks. He moved up to Ass't. Superintendent under Fritz Howell. He took over Sunset-Whitney CC in Rocklin in 1976, then moved on to Cordova GC in Sacramento in 1978. In 1980 he became Superintendent at Ancil Hoffman GC. He plays golf to a 4 handicap. He played on the golf on both American River College and UC Davis.

The Golf Course is operated by Sacramento County. It was built in 1963 and opened in spring of 1965. The course was designed by Bill Bell. Ancil Hoffman is consistently ranked by Golf Digest magazine as one of the best public courses in the nation. Located along the banks of the American River. It was almost completely flooded in 1964, 1981 and 1986. It plays in excess of 110,000 rounds annually. The course is undergoing major modification to the irrigation system converting to the Toro Network 8000 System with valve-in-head sprinklers.

OCTOBER MEETING

- DATE: Monday, October 3, 1988  
 PLACE: Ancil Hoffman Golf Course  
 HOST: Leonard Theis, Superintendent  
 BOARD MEETING: 10:00 A.M.  
 GOLF: 7-8:30 A.M. both nines  
 Carts Optional  
 LUNCH: 1:00 P.M.  
 DRESS: Casual



**ANCIL HOFFMAN GC**

6700 Tarshes Dr., Men's Golf Club, PO Box 790, Carmichael, 95608, (916) 482-5660. Public, 18 Holes, Par 72. Course Rating and Yardage: Champ 71.9, 6700; Reg 70.2, 6352. Green Fees: \$7.50-\$8.50. Cart Fee: \$15. Leonard Theis, Mgr/GC Supt; Steve Price, PGA/Class A Pro. Zone 3. Club NA43.

FOUNTAIN GROVE CC GOLF RESULTS

NET WINNERS

D. Dubria	65
J. Lipari	66
T. Sedgley	67
B. Pederson	70
G. Singh	70
T. Sciarretta	70
M. Scolero	70
B. Showard	71
M. Harp	71
M. Clark	71
E. Sciarretta	71
G. Bell	72
J. Schmidt	72
M. Basile	72

FOUNTAIN GROVE CC GROSS WINNERS

S. Good	70
K. Chand	74
J. Winskowich	75
D. Aurley	75
R. Mal	75
J. Flachman	75
E. Stocke	77
T. Farrell	77
R. Hansen	77

SARATOGA SCRAMBLE RESULTS

First Place	Second Place
John Lloyd	Dave Tanner
Ed Bale	George Bell
Joe Rodriguez	Steve Mills
Al Brownlie	Ben Fuller

Third Place

- Jim Ross  
 Ron Rodgers  
 Doug Weaver  
 Fred Hanker

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

At a recent Board meeting for the purpose of reviewing our present membership, it was noted that quite a few of our members are qualified to take their class A & B exams. It is the goal of any association to grow and prosper in order to survive. Ours is no exception. Too merely become a member is not enough. The Board realizes that due to the nature of our business it is sometimes hard to schedule the time to take your exam. The Board is also sensitive to the fact that some people have trouble taking exams. Trust me you're not alone. It is for this reason we would like to set up a special study session to help our members prepare for their exams.

If you are interested in participating in the study session, please contact Mike Garvale at Palo Alto Hills C.C. (415) 948-0922 or any of our other board members. If we receive enough response we will schedule the session and notify you.

Remember, this isn't only for the benefit of the association, it's for your's as well. Take the time and get involved.

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## KEVIN O'CONNOR JOINS NCGA

Kevin O'Conner has been named Assistant Executive Director, Course Rating and Handicapping of the NCGA.

O'Conner began his duties July 18. He replaces Kevin Orona who leaves the NCGA to become Manager of Golf Operations at Poppy Hills Golf Course.

Orona, who joined the NCGA in 1984, will begin his new position July 25, 1988.

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## A LOOK AHEAD

Oct. 3	Ancil Hoffman, Carmichael
Oct. 19-20	GCSAA Construction Seminar, Pleasanton
Nov. 7	Santa Theresa, San Jose
Dec. 2	Christmas Party???????????
Jan.	Crow Canyon, San Ramon
Feb.	Almaden GC, San Jose

## JOB OPENING:

Assistant Golf Course Superintendent-San Jose Municipal Golf Course; 18 Hole Public Golf Course; Requires irrigation system knowledge (new system planned for installation soon), good turf background, and previous experience as an Assistant Superintendent; Room for future advancement; Salary negotiable and commensurate with experience. Send resume to: Mike Rawister, Santa Teresa Golf Course, 260 Bernal Road, San Jose, Ca. 95119.

## GOLF COURSE MECHANIC WANTED

Franklin Canyon GC is taking applications for an experienced Golf Course Mechanic. Please contact Sam Singh, Superintendent at 231 Fauna Ave. Rohnert Park Ca. 94983 or call at 415-799-1117.

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## NAUMANN'S NORCAL NEWS

Mike Azivido was recently named Superintendent at El Macero CC in Davis. Mike was the Assistant at Valley High CC in Sacramento prior to his move....Tim Sedgley is the Superintendent at Oakhurst CC in Clayton. Oakhurst is a new development being put in by Presley Homes of Northern California. Construction is to begin this fall. Tim was Superintendent at Saticoy CC prior to his move....Dave Vaught reports their has been an official name change at his course. It is now to be known as Shoreline Golf Links of Mt. View....Dr. Peter Dempsey former Superintendent of Golf Maintenance for T.P.C. Courses, is back in Northern California and is expected to start construction on a new golf course in the Davis area....Mike Basile at Almaden CC is busy preparing for the LPGA San Jose Classic Sept. 30-Oct. 2. This is the only stop for the LPGA in Northern California this year. Mike is hoping to make it a super success....

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The Association would like to thank Bob Tyler for the fine accomodations wonderful lunch and sharing his fine golf course with us for the August meeting.