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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

From all reports everyone enjoyed themselves at Rossmoor. Again thanks to **Joe Rodriguez** for a great lunch and golf.

After much time, the committee which I chaired has selected a replacement for **Myrtle Wagoner**. **Alison Good** (no relation to Steve Good), has accepted the job. She is going to be at the June meeting to observe and meet people. She will be working out of her home which will have a private phone for the GCSA of NC. The number will be announced later. Hopefully, Myrtle will be able to get free sometime after September.

Let's not wait until the last minute to sign up for the Supt./Pro Tourney at Sharon Heights. Please fill out the forms completely and mail them to **Rod Kilcoyne, CGCS**.

As a new item, I had Myrtle put on the answering machine, I will be home to accept phone calls on Thursdays from 5p.m. until 8 p.m. I hope this will be convenient as we are all running these days.

The State meeting at Pala Mesa had a good turnout and every one had a good time. The next state meeting will be held in the Monterey area. There will be a State Board Meeting held in August to determine the meeting site.

I hope to see you at Discovery Bay on June 8.

Pete

"LEGISLATURE UPDATE"

During the last two years, California's Birth Defects Prevention Act (SB950), has been responsible for the loss of several significant pesticides used on golf courses. Agrichemical companies often find that the cost of killing data gaps as required by SB 950 to be substantially greater than the revenue generated by such products.

As difficult as the Birth Defects Act has been, it figures to have much less long term impact than a proposed ballet initiative sponsored by environmentalists and consumer advocates. The initiative called the "Food Safety and Pesticide Enforcement Initiative" would greatly strengthen restrictions on the type of pesticides applied by golf courses, landscapes and farmers; restrict the amount applied; and require broader testing for pesticides in groundwater and foods; and increase health warnings to workers.

The California Planning and Conservation League, a leading advocate of the initiative state that "unless it can be proven that a pesticide is safe and that it does not leave unsafe residues, then the pesticide cannot be used in California". Supporters of the initiative hope to raise two million dollars to insure passage of the measure which would appear on the June or November 1990 ballot.

In February, the Planning and conservation League mailed 25,000 letters to members of the environmental community asking for donations of twenty-five dollars or more. In addition, 40,000 members of the California Public Interest Research Group (CALPIRG), the states largest consumer protection and environment defense organization have each pledged to collect five or more signatures of registered voters for the initiative.

Meanwhile, Agrichemical industry officials such as Elen Miller, Executive Director of the Western Agricultural Chemicals Association, questions the need for tighter restrictions on pesticides. For some she says it seems to be a case of "Let's get a petiton and signatures whether there's a problem or not."

Jim Wells, California Department of Food and Agriculture special assistant in the Division of Pest Management says both the Birth Defects Prevention Act and the Pesticide Contamination-Prevention Act have boosted pesticide safety considerably. "The process is in place Wells

He further adds "there isn't a need for an initiative like this right now because there isn't the serious problem that's being portrayed in activist literature."

Article submitted by Chuck Dal Pozzo

Information for this article was provided by California Farmer Magazine.

OSHA KIT PROVIDES COMPLIANCE

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has produced the "Hazcom" kit. It provides companies with instructions for compliance with the expanded Hazard Communication Standard.

The expanded standard requires that all employers with employees exposed to hazardous chemicals establish hazard communication programs to transmit information on the hazards to those employees. These hazards should be communicated by labels on containers, material safety data sheets (MSDS) and training programs.

The OSHA kit provides step-by-step guidance on complying with the Hazard Communication Standard. Even though it was written for non-manufactures, it will equal the needs of all employers. Appendices include a copy of the Standard; a glossary of MSDS terms; listings of audiovisual products and publications; and a directory of OSHA area and regional offices plus other information to assist employers.

OSHA Kit is available for \$18.00 from Labelmaster, Division of American Labelmark Company, 5724 North Pulaski Road, chicago, ILL.

Article from Agribusiness Fieldman, Feb. 1989.



A LOOK AHEAD

June 8 Discovery Bay
July 24 Jr. Golf Tournament-SantaClara
Golf and Tennis Club
July 27 Sharon Heights G&CC-Supt.-Pro
Tourney
Aug.25 Salinas Fairways Golf Club
Sept.?? ??????
Oct. Woodbridge G &CC
Oct. 18-19 GCSANC Seminar
Nov. Franklin Canyon GC
Dec. 1 Christmas Party

NAUMANN'S NORCAL NEWS

John Zoller , NCGA Senior Executive Director, has accepted a new position as the Chief Operations Officer for Heritage Country Club near LaJolla. John will be starting at his new position July 1....



Steve Jessup has left Antelope Valley CC to become the new Supt. at San Louis Obispo CC...**John Lloyd**, Supt. at Tony Lema GC in San Leandro recently unveiled a new addition as well as a remodeled clubhouse. The changes will allow for banquets and larger tournaments...From **Steve Carlton** in Guam, he was glad typhoon "Andy" was 80 miles away from the island. he only blew winds of 155-190 miles per hour. Otherwise he is settled now and enjoying the tropical weather. His correct work phone number is 671-477-3552.

MEMBERSHIP FOR JUNE

New Members

Class A

Rex Noah, San Geronimo GC, San Geronimo

Class D

Kewal Hansi, Yolo FliersCC, Woodland

Class F

Fred Hanker, Delta Bluegrass, Stockton
Wesley Asmussen, Skywest GC, Hayward
Roy Frederickson, Ironite Products Co. Los Gatos

Current 30-day waiting period

Class F

Mike Blume, Turf Tech, Sacramento
Roger Larson, Larson Golf Inc., Napa

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Roger's Seeder for parts; ryan aerator (1960) for parts or TLC; Deo'Do Drum aerator; misc. tractor rotary attachments; Davis trencher-could be used for installing Turf Drain. Call for more info or make best offer to Jim Husting, Supt. Woodbridge G& CC 209-368-9040.

5-Toro reelmaster-II Blade fairway cutting units. Only 8 months old!!!!!!\$1250.00 each. contact Mark (mechanic) at Indian Valley GC; 415-897-7632.

**"GCSAA/HALL-KIMBRELL
COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM"**

**GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION IN A COMPLEX
WORLD OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS**

President George Bush has been emphatic in challenging his newly appointed environmental leaders to "chart a course of environmental activism." Bush indicated recently that he was not only interested in pressing civil suits, but that criminal prosecutions would be a part of his drive to clean up the environment.

Golf Course Superintendents, as a group, have long recognized the seriousness of the health and environmental issues associated with modern golf course operations. The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, however, has recognized the need to take aggressive measures to stay ahead of the wave of environmental concern.

This program provides golf course superintendents a means to identify areas of operations affected by environmental regulations and identify changes that should be implemented to achieve compliance.

The self-audit package gives superintendents a unique opportunity to act on their own. If a regulatory agency was to evaluate the same issues, violations would be reported and dealt with through legal channels. The self audit allows superintendents to evaluate their practices on their own and make modifications accordingly.

Completion of the self audit generally requires about eight hours of a superintendent's time. The answer booklet is forwarded to Hall-Kimbrell, where it is scanned by a computer to summarize and sort the data provided by the superintendent.

The response report not only tells superintendents if they are in compliance, it also helps them evaluate procedures and management practices.

The self-audit and regulatory compliance efforts are not a "one-shot" effort. Existing regulations are often modified and stress periodic review of management practices as new regulations continue to be introduced.

The entire program and its follow-up mechanisms are designed to help superintendents become better managers. For more information or details on ordering the

self-audit package, contact the GCSAA Membership Department.

SUPERINTENDENTS BEWARE

**SITE SPECIFIC, WRITTEN PESTICIDE USE
RECOMMENDATIONS ARE REQUIRED**

In accordance with the State Food and Agricultural Code; golf courses, parks, cemeteries, and other similar areas are considered agricultural use, and as such, require that written recommendations be made for all pesticide uses.

What is a pesticide? The regulations define a pesticide as any fungicide, insecticide, spray adjuvant, disinfectant, rodenticide, herbicide, algicide, fumigant, or growth regulator, irregardless of whether they are restricted, or not.

What is a written recommendation? The regulations state that it be a site specific, PCA signed document, that has 13 required pieces of information. Those 13 informational areas are:

- 1.Owner or operator of the property or site
 - 2.Location of the property or site
 - 3.Commodity, or crop to be treated
 - 4.Total acreage or units to be treated
 - 5.Identification of the pest or pests to be treated
 - 6.Name of each pesticide recommended
 - 7.Dosage rate per acre or other unit
 - 8.Suggested schedule, time, or conditions, including label restrictions
 - 9.Safety intervals and posting requirements
 - 10.Warning of the possibility of damages by the application from hazards that are known to exist, including possible damage to nearby crops, livestock, residence areas, schools, water, bees, wildlife, etc.
 - 11.Signature and address of the person making the recommendation the date, and name of employer, if any.
 - 12.The criteria used for determining the need for the recommendation
 - 13.Certification that alternatives and non measures that would lessen any significant impact on the environment have been considered and , if feasible, adopted
- Who is qualified to make these writtn recommendations?

- 1.A state licensed Pest Control Advisor of PCA
- 2.The owner of the property or site

These regulations have been in effecct over several years. Why they have not been enforced, in most cases, is anybodies guess, but the regulations are there and enforcement is coming. Monetary fines will be levied if compliance is not achieved. Require your pesticide suppliers to be licesed PCA's and that written recommendations be made on all your pesticed uses.

BE SAFE NOT SORRY