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OUR OBJECTIVE: The collection, preservation, and dissemination of scientific and practical knowledge and to promote the efficient and economical maintenance of Golf Courses.

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MEMBERSHIP FOR MAY

New Members

Class D

Gary Feliciano, Corral De Tierra CC, Salinas
John Castillou, Jr., Sequoia Woods CC, Arnold

Class B

Robert Leas, Hidden Valley CC, Middletown

Class F

Alex Rohza, Turfgrass Consultant, Sewickley, PA
Jim Borneman, Automatic Rain

Current 30-day waiting period

Class D

Michael Mendoza, Tilden (exam)
Kewal Hansi, Yolo Fliers, Woodland
Rex Noah, San Geronimo GC, San Geronimo, Pending Verification

Class F

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

GOLF RESULTS-PALO ALTO MUNI

FIRST PLACE-\$25

Jorgonsen 64
Hardy
Bantrup
Bagley

SECOND PLACE-\$15

Colleran 65
Roberts
Harp
Messimer

THIRD PLACE -\$10

Scholes 67
Lewis
Husting
Walsh

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

I am sure that we can all agree that **Paul Dias** has had a very busy and successful year as President of the GCSA of Northern California.

Paul has provided us with good leadership. His programs were well-received and he set up good agendas for the Board of Directors.



Paul Dias, CGCS, Pete Bibber (l-r)

Bob Dauterman, Program Director, had good speakers, interesting and informative subjects. This can be attested to by the increase in attendance at the general meetings.

Paul sets high goals for himself as well as others. He and **Joe Rodriguez** got the Scholarship and Research program underway with scholarships going to local turf programs at the community college level.

Paul got the idea for the Information Referral Service put together. Any requesting Superintendent may call for this assistance where fellow superintendents guide him to the best source of information to assist him with his problem.

Paul and **Mike Garvale**, CGCS, have set up a twice a year one day class for those superintendents interested in upgrading themselves to Class A or B. At the end of the review, they can take the test for their respective classes.

Paul has been active with the GCSA of California, by getting articles to them for the new Golden State Fairways publication.

Paul has worked closely with the NCGA, being involved in the Intern Program and other things. By involving more people on committees, Paul and **Al Schlothauer**, have been able to improve registration and sign-ups for the monthly meetings.

Many thanks Paul for a wonderful and successful year.

Pete

NAUMANN'S NORCAL NEWS

Rich Lavine is the new Supt. at Peacock Gap Golf Course in San Rafael. Rich was the Supt. at Meadowwood CC in St. Helena. **Dana Waldor**, Rich's assistant at Meadowwood is the new Supt. there...**Wayne Lindelof** has accepted the Supt. position at Lone Tree Golf Course in Antioch. Wayne is a recent graduate of the NCGA internship program with the last 12 months spent at Castlewood CC. Wayne is replacing **Jack Amru**, who has accepted another position at the Golf Course...On April 20 several people gathered at the Marriott Hotel in Santa Clara to hear Dr.**Joe Vargas** and other well known speakers for an informational one day seminar. Thanks to all who attended.

IN MEMORIAM

Orra Surrett passed away April 7, He was a member of the GCSANC since 1968. Orra was a Class F member working as a branch manager for H. V. Carter Company out of Sacramento since 1961.

He retired in 1981. Mr. Surrett is survived by his wife, Mrs. Babe Surrett, 8415 Bianchi road, Roseville, CA 95678.

Dorothy Livesey, wife of retired Past President Robert Livesey of Visalia passed away April 8th.

Our thoughts are with both families at this time of sorrow.

THE GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

Golf around the world has increased at a tremendous rate and it appears this trend will continue. New golf courses are being constructed to meet the needs of this popular form of recreation. Most golf facilities employ one individual directly responsible for the entire area where the game of golf will be played. This individual is known as the GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT.

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA), has defined the Golf Course Superintendent as one who is entrusted with the maintenance, operation, and management of the tract of land defined as a golf course. It is this person's responsibility, under general direction, to supervise the construction and maintenance of the golf course; to supervise the maintenance and repair of construction and maintenance equipment; and to do related work as required.

This definition demonstrates that the Golf Course Superintendent must be familiar with the many facets of golf courses and then relate them to the game of golf. To grow and maintain the specialized turfgrass required, the Superintendent must have a knowledge of the available types and varieties of turfgrass required, the Superintendent must have a knowledge of the available types and varieties of turfgrass, and how they interrelate with various soils, fertilizers, irrigation, drainage, insects, insecticides, turf diseases, fungicides, weeds, herbicides, and equipment ranging from hand tools to complex hydraulic operated mowing units.

In addition, the Golf Course Superintendents areas of responsibility would include:

1. Landscaping-planning, planting and maintaining.
2. Maintain entrance roads, parking lots and cart paths.
3. Maintain buildings, fences, bridges and shelters.
4. Purchase, store, and maintain equipment.
5. Purchase, store, and supply materials required for turf growth.
6. Hire, train, and supervise employees.
7. Prepare, present, and work within an operating budget.
8. Keep accurate records-expenses, labor, weather, and inventory.
9. Understand the game of golf.
10. Communicate with the club members, the club house manager, and the golf professional.

On most golf courses, there will be committees which establish policy as it pertains to each segment of the total facility operation. The golf course Superintendent should work closely with the committees he is assigned to, attend all their meetings, and make reports to keep committee members informed.

The Golf Course Superintendent should be knowledgeable in agronomy, horticulture, entomology, plant pathology, landscape architecture, construction, accounting, meteorology, and mechanics, as well as public and labor relations. To gain or maintain this knowledge, it is important for the Golf Course Superintendent to attend national, regional, and local conferences, where the results of current research findings are reported and explained. The Superintendent should join the national and local Golf Course Superintendent Associations and should attend their meetings. Membership in these professional organizations is becoming more valuable to the Golf Course Superintendent because experiences and problem solving methods are exchanged for the betterment of both the individual and the golf course.

The Golf Course Superintendent is a dedicated individual, striving to provide the finest possible playing conditions and surroundings, while staying within the operating budget. Thus, the game of golf can continue to progress, providing high quality recreation at a reasonable price for more and more people.

Article submitted by Randy Gai, CGCS, Claremont Country Club.

NEW GCSAA PROGRAM DESIGNED TO PROTECT GOLF'S ENVIRONMENT

The association, together with Hall-Kimbrell, is now offering the first comprehensive compliance assistance service ever designed for golf course operations. The purpose is to foster a higher level of environmental awareness and promote regulatory compliance of golf facilities. The format is an environmental self-audit package-including an instructional video, printed materials and compliance booklet-that superintendents use to gather information about their courses. The kit offers users a way to anticipate potential regulatory and legal liabilities and to respond professionally. The cost is \$725 for GCSAA members; \$900 for non-members. Contact the GCSAA Membership services, 1617 St. Andrews Drive, Lawrence, KS 66046; 800-GSA-S for further information.

RESPIRATOR TRAINING OFFERED

The Calif. Dept. of Food and Agriculture has begun enforcing the new WORKER SAFETY REGULATIONS. Carey Krefft, NSTC Farmtec, is offering a free training session on "Respirator Program Requirements". For information for this training session, call Carey at (415) 483-7394. CEU units have been applied for.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

On Friday, March 10, 1989, the Water Retailer's Water supply Subcommittee met and discussed the application of various water use restrictions. The restrictions will be as follows depending on the water use reduction percentage.

Water uses prohibited

1. Water waste, including but not limited to, flooding or runoff on sidewalks, streets or gutters.
2. Cleaning of sidewalks, driveways, patios, parking lots, or other paved or hard-surfaced areas.
3. Use of water through a hose for washing cars, buses, boats, trailers, or other vehicles without a positive automatic shutdown valve on the outlet end of the hose.
4. Operation of decorative fountains.
5. Use of water for construction purposes, such as consolidation of backfill, unless no other source of water or other method can be used.
6. Outside landscape irrigation during daylight hours.
7. Water waste due to broken or defective plumbing, sprinkler, watering or irrigation systems.
8. Restaurant water service unless upon request.

**** If these 8 items are implemented, a 25% reduction will result.

GCSANC 1989 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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Back row left to right: Joseph Rodriguez, CGCS, Steve Good, Peter Galea, CGCS, Michael Garvale, CGCS, Rodney Kilcoyne, CGCS

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

GCSANC gave Cliff and Myrtle Wagoner a special thank you at the annual awards in April. Myrtle serves as the executive secretary of GCSANC and is planning to retire in May. We wish them the very best and heartfelt thanks for all they have done for the association.



MAY NEWS NOTES

Dr. Ali Harivandi would like to do some tests at 3 different locations in the bay area. The test areas would be seeded with various bentgrass varieties. The locations should be within 1/2 hour of his Hayward office. 15-20 new Bentgrass varieties will be evaluated under actual conditions. Areas to be developed would be maintained at normal, good levels (i.e. frequent mowing, verticutting, etc). Someone with a practice green, nursery, or putting green presently ready to develop would be the ideal candidate. Ali would come by once or twice a month to evaluate the plots.

INFORMATION:

Two areas at Putting Green Height

One area at Tee or Fairway Height

A Native soil and USGA or Pure Sand plot would be necessary for the test areas.

20 different varieties / 3 plots each / replicated 3 times

10' x 10' x 3' each=6,000 square feet each

3 different locations at 6,000 square feet necessary

Don Baker, Golf Course Superintendent at Yolo Fliers Country Club in Woodland was honored by the club, superintendents, friends and family for his 40 years service to golf. Don started his golfing career at Del Rio CC in 1949 under Superintendent **Ed Silva**. He held Superintendent positions at Modesto Muni, Fullerton, Meadow Club, Rossmoor, Mace Meadows and has been at Yolo fliers since 1982. Congratulations!

The Riverbend Golf and Country Club will be reconstructing the entire golf course in the near future. In the process, greens, tees and fairways will be graded under. It is widely held that we have some of the finest greens in the area. They are comprised of seaside bent grass.

Persons wishing to purchase all or a portion of this sod

HELP WANTED

Director of Golf, Lake of the Pines Country Club, Auburn, CA. It is a private 18-hole facility, 400 Men's Club member; 200 Women's Club members, with 35,000 rounds in 1988 (approx.). A college degree in Agronomy with 2-5 years management experience is required. A job description will be provided to applicants scheduled for interview. Compensation: \$30,000-35,000 per year with medical and dental insurance. Other benefits negotiable. Deadline for resumes is May 15, 1989. Interviews to begin May 16, 1989. The date to be on the job is July 1, 1989. Send resumes to: Mr., Forrest Lant, General Manager, Lake of the Pines Association, Inc., 11665 Lakeshore North, Auburn, CA 95603-8762. Phone (916)269-1133.

Riverview Golf Club in Redding. Private 18-hole golf course. Experience required. Ca. Applicator License required. Salary negotiable, benefit package available. Send resume to: Club Manager, 4200 Bechelli Lane, Redding 96002.

Fred Burns, Wilcox Oaks Golf & CC, 21000 Wilcox Golf Road, Red Bluff 96080 wants a working assistant that is mechanically inclined. Two years experience is needed and needs knowledge of back lapping, grinding mowers, maintenance, overseeing crews, etc. Salary negotiable. It is an 18 hole private country club. Send resumes to the above address.



WE KEEP
GOLF GREEN.

OUR HOST AND HIS COURSE FOR MAY

Your host Superintendent, Joseph Rodriguez, CGCS, started his Horticulture Career in Antioch, California, in 1959.

In 1969, he went to work for Contra Costa County in the Landscape Division. He progressed to the Chief Gardener position, where he was in charge of all landscaped and turf areas within the County's jurisdiction.

While with Contra costa County, Joe graduated from Diablo Valley College with a Degree in Ornamental Horticulture. He also attended Los Medanos College for two years and possesses a State contractor License for landscaping.

In 1986, Joe graduated from Saint Mary's College with a Bachelor's Degree in Management.

He has been the Superintendent at the Rossmoor Golf Courses since 1978.

Rossmoor is a planned adult community that was first opened in 1964. Presently there is a population of approximately 8,500 residents, whose age averages 75.5 years. The community has many advantages. Among them is a medical clinic and the Rossmoor security force. The maintenance and management of the Rossmoor community is administered by the Golden Rain Foundation.

The Rossmoor Golf Courses consist of the 18-hole South Course and the 9-hole North Course, and are private courses.

In 1975, a new 9 holes was designed by Robert Muir Graves, and put into play. the new 9 was worked into the old 9 for 18 holes. So, we have a combination of new and old on the South, and the North is the original front nine.

The South Course is rated at 67.3 from the white tees, and the course length is 5,765 yards. The cart paths extend from tee to green, and carts are restricted to the paths. There is also no rough. This is to facilitate play because of the age factor. We mow approximately 175 acres of fairway twice weekly.

In the past two years, we have averaged 90,000 rounds of play per year.

The Golf Pro at Rossmoor is Norm Oliver, with whom we have a very cooperative working relationship.



A LOOK AHEAD

- May 21, 22 Calif. State Annual Meeting
San Diego, CA
- 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



Many thanks to Paul Dias, CGCS, and staff for the fine accomodations and food at last month's meeting at Palo Alto Muni.