On a beautiful, sunny day, perfect for golf, our monthly business meeting took a twist in a different direction. We went out to the ballpark instead of the golf course.

Approximately 75 people were in attendance as we visited Oakland Coliseum for a presentation by host Mark Razum, head groundskeeper for the Oakland A's baseball club. As our group stood on the infield, Mark pointed out many of his techniques in his maintenance of the field, and answered questions from our interested audience.

We then watched the A's take batting practice with Mark McGwire being the first in the cage. It appears as though the crusher will be returning soon; he parked a few over the fence with ease.

At about 11:00am, we were ushered into the "City of Oakland" room in the coliseum for a wonderful lunch, followed by guest speakers Rich "Goose" Gossage and Tony LaRussa.

Both men praised the efforts of our host in his maintenance of the field, stating "It's the finest field in the American League." Goose and Tony answered questions and relived some of their baseball experiences for us.

Before leaving to watch the game, we raffled two baseballs which had been autographed by Mark McGwire. And as a capper to a great day, our local heroes won 2 to 1 over the Milwaukee Brewers.

We must extend our highest praise and thanks to Mark Razum and all the staff for a super day.

Waste Water Topic of September Meeting

On September 13th we'll be at Windsor Golf Club in Windsor, just north of Santa Rosa. Registration is at 9:30am at Kevin's Chinese Restaurant on Old Redwood Highway. The program for this month features an open forum discussion on "What Do You Do With Your Waste Water?" Moderators will be Jerry Brown, Vice President, Finney & Brown Insurance Brokers, and Mike Maddock, Cal Steam, Inc. The shotgun tournament will begin at 1:00pm at Windsor Golf Club.

Windsor Golf Club is an 18-hole course designed by Golfplan with Fred Bliss as principle architect. Operated by a private partnership, the club opened to the public in October, 1989. The course ranges from 5,500 to 6,650 yards from four sets of tees.

Since 1990, Windsor has been the home of the Nike Tour (formerly Hogan Tour), Sonoma County Open.

Rick Hanson is the golf course superintendent. He is 43-years-old, has three children and has been married for 21 years.

A graduate of Whitworth College, Spokane, Washington, Rick has been in the golf business for 15 years. He has been a superintendent for 8 years, the last five of which have been at Windsor.

Prior to getting into golf course management, Rick was a groundskeeper for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

His hobbies and activities outside of golf include church activities and coaching Little League baseball and basketball.

Club address: 6555 Skyline Blvd, Windsor, CA Phone: 707/838-7888

IMPORTANT: Meeting attendance is mandatory to play golf.

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