

Kaz Maseba - Our Host Superintendent for the April meeting is well-known to all of us who attend meetings. Some of us probably felt the heavy hand of the "Sergeant-at-arms": Ole Eagle-eye Maseba, if we forgot our name badges at the meetings. And believe you me, that man has no mercy. He nabbed our esteemed President Chuck Weatherton, twice, your writer once, and even our guest speaker, Bill Davis, once. Other than that, what do we know about this fearsome character? Very little except that he plays a mean game of golf and usually comes home with at least one ball, and who knows how much "mad-money" in his pocket.

Let's delve a little further into his past, and see if we can uncover any other juicy items. Well, Kaz tells me that he was born in Fresno, which makes him a true California native. However, he was raised mostly in the San Jose area, where he went through high school. After high school he went to work for the Rose Growers Nursery from 1926 to 1942. Then he became adventurous, and toured the world for 4 years, courtesy of the United States Government. They even paid him for this pleasure. The occasion--World War II. This should give you an idea how young our friend is. He is just one of those perpetual bloomers. Anyway, when he returned after the war, Kaz went into business on his own as a landscape gardener around the San Jose area during the period of 1946 to 1950. He then moved to Stockton where he continued in the lanscape business until 1962. At that time he joined the Stockton Country Club as the Assistant Superintendent. A year and a half later he became the Superintendent, which is his present status.

Kaz is married. He and his wife Yo live in French Camp, which is just South of Stockton.

S T O C K T O N GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB This is one of the oldest courses in the area. It is about 50 years old, and started out as a 9-hole course with sand greens. Since then it has been considerably modified. The club house which is presently there, is the third one. The first one had to be moved to make room for the deep water channel. The 2nd club house became too small and antiquated, and had to make room for this last one.

The sprinkler system is ancient and consists of a Buckner quick-coupling system. Electrolyses is raising all kinds of heck with the lines and Kaz is constantly patching up the system. Right now they are contemplating a full automatic system, which Kaz hopes will be installed before too long. This certainly will help to make life a little easier for him.

Meanwhile, Kaz has been busy rebuilding the course in many ways. Over the years he and his crew rebuilt 11 greens to USGA specs, using a mixture of 50% sand, 30% loam, and 20% Loamite, seeded to Penncross. His fairways are common Bermuda and Poa annua.

Like so many older courses, Kaz's course is loaded with large trees, and he advises players to stay on the fairways, unless they enjoy identifying plant life amongst the trees. In spite of the many trees already growing, Kaz is still actively pursuing a tree planting program. Cottonwoods are planted in great numbers, in spite of the problems which they bring. Evergreens are also used, such as Redwoods Japanese Black Pines, and the Canary Island Pine.

THINGS - The March meeting at Walnut Creek was a marvelous success. We had good weather for golfing, lots of superintendents and guests, a fine speaker, Ted Reilly, who came through with some of that fine sly humor for which the English comedies are known, and a highly interesting film. Even though most people directed their kind remarks to me, I must point out that I owed a lot of that success to the unfailing help of one man, Frank DeCarli of Pen-Gro Sales, who is solely responsible for bringing the speaker here. And so, if Frank was overlooked in the throwing of flowers and bouquets at the time of the meeting, I want to publicly say: Thanks, Frank, for your most welcome and indispensable help.....Lee Huang

.....We had two members of the Association pass away last month..... Paul Jones - founder of California Toro. Paul was an Honorary Member of the Association, and also the one who donated the identification buttons for the members which we used to wear before we switched to the present pocket ID cards.

Harold Sanburg - Sales Manager of Brady-Holmes in Sacramento passed away suddenly from a heart failure. He had been feeling poorly that day, and had gone home. While telling his wife that he was not feeling well, he collapsed and died. Our condolences go to his wife and family.

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FEDERATION MEETING AND TOURNAMENT May 13-14, 1972

Our Federation meeting will be at Canyon Country Club in Palm Springs. Men's Golf - \$25.00 Ladies golf - \$15.00 Banquet - \$10.00 Prices include two days of golf, including cart for both days. Prices do not include accommodations.

May 13 - 8:00 a.m. Shotgun 2:30 - 5:00 p.m. Educational Session  
 5 - 5:30 p.m. Annual Meeting 6:30-7:30 No host cocktail 7:30 Banquet  
 May 14 - 8:00 a.m. Shotgun - Awards immediately following tournament  
 Entries for tournament and programs will be mailed at a later date

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Golf Course Superintendent

Napa Valley Country Club, 3385 Hagen Road, Napa  
 9-hole course with plans to expand to 18 in the near future-SALARY OPEN  
 If interested contact Mr. Jack Gilliland, P. O. Box 2218, Napa 94558  
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