



THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF IRRIGATION CONSULTANTS announce the election of officers. George W. Bell, Millbrae, California was elected to his second term as President. Other officers are Bob Cloud, Los Angeles, Vice President, Ron Sherman, Sacramento, Secretary and C. Schardt, Reseda Treasurer. Announcement was also made concerning the newly formed Southern California Chapter.

THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA TURFGRASS COUNCIL has set September 5-7, 1975 as the dates for their Irrigation Seminar at Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove. George Bell, Irrigation Consultant, Millbrae is the general chairman for the seminar.

Mr. Tom Mascaro of Miami, Florida will be the featured speaker.

Mike Clark, President of GCSA of Northern California appointed the following committees and chairmen. If you have any suggestions all will appreciate your help.

Program Chairman	- Dave Griffiths	To assist	Bob Ford, Bill Nigh
Christmas Party	- Bill Nigh		
Bylaws	- Larry Feliciano		
Camera & Golf	- Kaz Maseba		
Membership	- John Engen		
TARP & National Affairs	- Cliff Wagoner		
Nomination Committee	- Jim Bantrup		
Awards Committee	- Bob Livesey		

TARP Committee includes all present board members and Tom Unruh and Jim Ross.

SELECTION OF SANDS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND TOPDRESSING - William B. Davis

For several years one of TARP's main thrusts has been the evaluation of sands for golf green construction and topdressing. Right or wrong John Madison and I believe in the pure sand culture as the best solution for our high trafficked putting greens. We also consider high frequency topdressing to be one of the most promising methods of controlling excess thatch and maintaining a fine, high quality putting surface.

If you and your course are going in this general direction, let's be sure we are talking about the same quality of sand. We know that each course has its problems in obtaining the right sand at the right price. After testing and evaluating different sands we have adjusted our acceptable range of sands. The following table reflects our current recommendation and may assist you when dealing with various sand suppliers.

Through TARP we have tested sand samples for individual superintendents, sand suppliers and for new course construction. Presently we run a particle size analysis and an infiltration test after normal and excessive compaction. In order to run these analyses we need approximately 1/2 a cubic foot of sand. Your sample can be sent directly or, better yet, route your sample through you Cooperative Extension Office to the Department of Environmental Horticulture at Davis.