

Tahoe Donner Golf Course was opened 2 years ago in May. On August 15th it will become an 18-hole golf course. There is over 7,000 yards and is rated 72.3. It was designed by two architects Joe Williams and William Bell.

Dick Tokos has planted all the course and built the back nine. The course has many natural hazards with narrow fairways and lots of pine trees. Dick formerly worked at Alta Sierra C.C., Grass Valley under Lou Pohlson. He has been a member of Northern California since 1973. He says to come and have fun (wives invited), but bring lots of golf balls.

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ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS AND SUPERINTENDENTS - At the May joint meeting with Sierra Nevada Chapter O. M. Scott donated a perpetual trophy which was won by Northern California. At this joint meeting at Tahoe Donner the trophy will again be contested. The winner will be decided by team play.

Thanks to Phil Dellner and Bill Tavener for the trophy.

If you have a handicap always put it on the score card.

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PESTICIDES HELPFUL TOOLS - In the past few years many pesticides have either been restricted or banded from the market. When I speak of pesticides I'm referring to any chemical that helps reduce troublesome pests such as Fungi, Insects, etc.

Pesticides are tools, you would'nt send a carpenter out to do a job with out a hammer, in essence so is it with pesticides for the Golf Course Superintendent. But to listen to the environmentalist, that's the way it should be. Many of the people in these environmental groups don't really have the background to sit and judge pesticides, but it seems to be the trend to restrict or remove before they do any research. This attitude has cost the superintendent many of his tools and curtailed most research, making it even harder to get good chemicals in the future.

If you are tired of trying to do a job with your hands tied, then write your Congressman and voice your opinion. Let's get our tools back before we lose them forever.

The CUTWORM

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LEE & DANA MESERVY send ALOHA greetings from Hawaii--have tried their golf courses and they are great.

WANTED - used verticut units to fit Jacobsen Greens Mower  
Contact Joe Andrade 707 425-0139, Green Valley C.C., Suisun

FOR SALE - Ransome 21" Greens Mower, about 1 year old in good condition  
Contact Don Baker 415 938-8573 Home 415 939-1220 Ext 238 Business

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WANTED - Green Keeper I by City of Livermore  
Salary range \$831 to \$1,011 Final Filing Date August 13, 1976  
one year's experience in golf course maintenance  
For applications contact Personnel Department, City Hall  
2250 First St, Livermore, CA 94550

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WANTED - Golf Course Superintendent Valencia Golf Course  
45 holes - Salary open  
SEND RESUME to Dale Allaire, 27330 N. Tourney Rd  
Valencia, CA 91355

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SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT THE UNITED STATES GOLF ASSOCIATION GREEN SECTION  
by John Zoller, Monterey Peninsula C.C., Pebble Beach

There is not doubt in my mind that golf is the greatest game that has even been invented and it is also the sport that has been best administered down through the years. This has been done by the United States Golf Association and an important part of it is the Green Section. It is often overlooked but how a golf course is maintained affects the very way the game is played. Without some standardization of maintenance practices and tournament standards the game of golf could become totally unrecognizable as we know it today. The Green Section has established these practices and standards along with other USGA Committees over the years and the integrity of the game has been protected.

Over the past fifty years, or since the time that bentgrass putting greens have been in general use there have been years of infamy in the golf course business. Nineteen twenty-eight was one of those years when total loss of turf was almost nation wide. There have been others; 1936, 1949 and 1958 are equally remembered as disaster years. It was the USGA Green Section Staff that was called upon to determine the conditions and the reasons that caused this loss of turf and how to avoid it in the future---Staff people like John Montieth, Fred Grau, Marvin Ferguson, Bill Bengeyfield Al Radko and others. Much of this occurred before the University turf programs as we know them today came into being. The problem years still come around but we don't recognize them as such anymore and the reason we don't is largely because of the work of men like those mentioned above along with the very fine University and Extension people as we have available to us here in California. I feel it is wrong for us in the golf profession to see these men only as firemen to put out the blaze when we