

FOR SALE - Ransome 21" Greens Mower, about 1 year old in good condition
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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

are in trouble. We should have continuing contact and communication with them and only then will these years of infamy become a thing of the past never to occur again.

One of the most important things that happens each year at the club where I am working is the visit of the USGA Green Section Agronomist. It is on the basis of this visit and report that we evaluate the progress made in our turf program over the past year and plan ahead for the future. It is important to me that someone completely out of our club take a look at it and objectively report on his findings. When we go to the course day in and day out it can easily become the story of not seeing the forest for the trees.

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Norm Stewart is with Contra Costa C.C. New address 4137 Forestview Ave., Concord, CA 94521.

Address change for EDWARD F. SHATTUCK, C.G.C.S., 449 River View Dr, San Jose, CA 95111

PASSED EXAMINATIONS

Class A

Rodney B. Butler, La Contenta Lakes & C.C., Valley Springs

Class B

Rodney Kilcoyne, Diablo Creek Golf Course, Concord

Nobi Okada, Galbraith Golf Course, Oakland

Hiroshi Tsutsui, Lake Chabot Golf Course, Oakland

ADD CLASS A

W. E. Wade, 3900 Giant Rd Richmond 94806

Richmond C.C.

Class D

Charles E. Malone, 1827 Lincoln Ave, Richmond 94801

Mira Vista Golf & C.C., El Cerrito

Dennis Mattos, Park Services, 7101 Edgewater, Oakland 94621

City of Oakland

Thomas Morrissey, 249 Taylor Blvd, Millbrae 94030

The Villages, San Jose

Pryor, James E., P. O. Box 27, Vallecito 95251

Sequoia Woods C.C., Arnold

Class F

Stanley W. Strew, Executive Director, Council of Agricultural

Pest Control, 100 Valley View Dr., Petaluma 94952