

PRESIDENT REPORT - Bob Livesey, CGCS, Plaza Golf Course, Visalia

At this time I wish to thank the membership and the Board of Directors for their support this past year.

This past year was an excellent one. Things that have been in the talking stage for the past three or four years have been done. For instance -- -- Turfgrass Adaptive Research Program, which the Association takes an active part in, is doing well. Much work has been done by members of the T.A.R.P. committee. A great number of superintendents, not only from Northern California, but throughout the state have benefited from the program

-- Internship Program that was started a year ago is doing well. Thanks to the help of John Zoller, who took the first applicant under his wing Without John's help and the support of the Northern California Golf Association, this program would not have gotten off the ground.

-- golf tournament that was asked for, was started this past year. With an earlier date this year, we hope to have more Superintendents, Golf Professionals, and Club Officials taking part.

-- a Job Description for the Superintendent was completed. This Job Description covered as much as possible. This was done to enable the Superintendent to be in a position to have some guide lines, when he goes into negotiate a salary.

Those members that hold a PCA license will now be able to get one hour of credit toward continuing education requirements, as required by the state, providing that the educational program at the monthly meeting pertains.

This past month we recognized those Superintendents who have been amongst us 25 years or more. The turn out for this event was most outstanding.

Our membership now stands at approximately 300. This shows that the majority of the Superintendents in Northern California feel that they are deriving a benefit from the organization.

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990 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE GCSA OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA was recognized at the March 8, 1979 meeting at Orinda Golf & CC. Nineteen members who have been members of the Association were present to accept their 25 year pins. Although all could not be in attendance responses were received from most.

GRORGE SANTANA, a charter member and past president in 1936 and Ellis Van Gorder (not present) also a charter member who now lives in Guaymas, Mexico and was past president for the years of 1935, 1952 and 1961 were honored as the only people who have had continuance membership since the Associations inception in 1932

AUBREY BABSON a 45 year member recently retired from La Rinconada CC, past president in 1963 continues to serve the Association when asked. Doc's interest in the Association is evident in his continual suggestions on programs and ways to improve the Association.

Fred Layton a member for 40 years could not be in attendance because of his health exemplified the profession by his renowned work for 45 years at Cypress Point Golf Course.

JOHN DA DALT a member for 42 years is still active as a Golf Course Superintendent at Burlingame CC where he has served as the superintendent since 1930 and a past president in 1950 is an example of how one can be successful and remain at the same club for a great number of years.

STANLEY PITCHER, past president 1946-47, a member for 37 years retired from the City of San Mateo in 1969 was responsible for rebuilding the Association after the war years. Stan now lives in Salem, Oregon and honored us by traveling to Orinda to share in this memorable occasion. All of his friends enjoyed visiting with him.

WALTER BOYSEN rose to national prominence when he served as the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America president in 1967. He joined the GCSANC in 1945 and was president in 1957. Walt was instrumental in getting the Association recognized as a non-profit corporation. He received the Distinguished Service Award from GCSAA for his outstanding work for the Superintendent Association. He is retired and living in Santa Rosa.

BILL SOUSA, a member for 33 years worked at Alameda Muni Golf Course for 39 years serving as superintendent for 24 years. He was president in 1954 and secretary-treasurer for a number of years and vice president in 1952 and 1953. Bill retired in 1964 and lives in Alameda.

VERNE CONKLIN, a member for 33 years, past president in 1956 retired from Riverside Golf Course in 1974. Verne, as several other recipients came home to Orinda on March 8th to receive recognition. Verne also worked at Stanford, Diablo CC, La Rinconada CC.

LEONARD FELICIANO a member since 1936 has a very enviable record as serving on the world renowned Pebble Beach Golf Course as superintendent for 35 years. He retired From DeLaveaga Golf Course in 1974 after serving as superintendent for 5 years.

PAUL PAULSEN joined GCSANC in 1948. He has been superintendent of San Francisco Golf Club since 1946. He was president of the Association in 1955. His course is recognized as one of the greatest courses in the country

JACK BAKER, a member for 34 years, Sales Manager for H. V. Carter Co. continues to exhibit an interest in the Association by supplying articles for the newsletter. Jack's business ethics has resulted in providing a very good atmosphere for those purchasing equipment in Northern California. He received the GCSA of Northern California Class F award in 1976.

BERT GRAVES joined the Association in 1947. He began his career at H. V. Carter Co as mail boy in 1946 and now serves as President. His interest

in the superintendent profession is verified by the fact that he has attended 24 GCSA of America turf conferences and attends Association meetings when time permits. In February 1979 his company received the Jacobsen Distributor of the Year Award. H. V. Carter Company's reputation for honesty and integrity is second to none. We are privileged to have two of our honorees, Jack and Bert, associated with this firm.

KING EWING, a 31 year member retired owner of Ewing Irrigation almost single handed convinced the University to become involved in turf. King was organizer of several turf conferences. His company pioneered automatic irrigation in Northern California. King's vocal presentation at the Christmas parties will long be remembered. He was always available to lend a hand when needed. He was presented an Honorary membership in 1974

CLIFF WAGONER joined the Association in 1951, was elected to the board in 1953 and served on that body continuously for 21 years. He was president in 1959, 1965 and 1967 and secretary for a number of years. He has been chairman of the T.A.R.P. committee since its inception in 1967. He was president of the California Federation of Golf Course Superintendent Associations for the year 1965-1966 and was elected to the executive committee of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America in 1968 and served as president in 1973. He has been golf course superintendent at Del Rio Golf & CC for 25 years and for the past four years served the club as executive manager also.

DON BAKER a member for 26 years became superintendent at the Municipal Golf Course in Modesto in 1953. He built a new 18 hole course before leaving to go to Fullerton. He moved back to Northern California to become superintendent at Meadow Club in Fairfax in 1961. In 1975 he moved from Meadow Club to Rossmoor. He was recently promoted to Director of Landscape and Golf Course for the entire complex.

HARRISON WHITE joined the Association in 1950 and served as president in 1958. He began his golf course career in southern California in 1926 at the Ventura CC. In 1949 he moved to Northern California and became superintendent at Green Valley CC in Suisun. In 1955 he was hired as superintendent at Los Altos CC. He retired in 1962 after 36 years in the golf course maintenance field.

GEORGE FINNIN a member for 26 years before retiring in 1973 worked at the San Francisco Golf Club in 1932-1933. He was superintendent at the Sleepy Hollow Golf Club from 1937-1942. He became associated with Billy Bell, Senior and constructed courses for 6 years. He became superintendent of Castlewood in 1951. He built the lower 18 hole course and completely rebuilt the upper course while there. He now lives in Reno, Nevada.

KEN STOHL joined the Association in 1953. His career began with California Toro selling maintenance equipment for Paul Jones. In 1963 he became superintendent at San Geronimo Golf Club in Fairfax. He moved

to Orinda CC in 1966 and returned home to receive his 25 year pin. Ken became a GCSA of America Certified Golf Course Superintendent in 1973 and retired in 1975.

STEVE BARATH, a member for 26 years also began his turf oriented career selling Toro equipment and for California Toro. He built and managed a pitch and put course in Belmont, California. He built a 9 hole 3 par in Sunken Gardens in Sunnyvale and his last venture is a short nine in Scotts Valley. His turf experience began when he was playing major league base ball.

JOE ROCHA joined the Association in 1954. Joe as many of the others recognized did not move around. He started at Menlo CC in 1946 and is still active at this time.

Others recognized but not able to attend were

Mario Re - retired - member for 31 years

Ed Silva - retired - members for 31 years

Leigh Hulbert - retired - member for 30 years

Joe Morelli, Swenson Park, Stockton member for 29 years

Ed Berardy, Lake Merced Golf Club, Daly City, member for 25 years

Joe Mortara, Vallejo Municipal Golf Course, member for 27 years

George Rasmussen, retired - member for 25 years

Bob Schmidt - retired - member 25 years

Twenty-five year pins will be mailed to all those above

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone

The Association is really indebted to all of those who have served and supported it.

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GURMIT SANDHU is thanks for making arrangements for the meeting at Orinda. Please convey our thanks to the club and pro shop too. All (135 of us) who attended had a good time.

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CARL WICK, Farm Advisor, Agricultural Extension, University of California, 2279 Del Oro Avenue, Oroville, CA 95965 has completed the summary for the Turf Variety Project at Butte Creek CC and it is available for the asking at the above address.

A long-term study was initiated by the University of California Cooperative Extension in 1970-71 to evaluate the performance of turfgrass varieties at several locations in California. This statewide project was under the direction of Dr. V. A. Gibeault and W. B. Davis, Environmental Horticulturists Cooperative Extension, University of California at Riverside and Davis. In 1972, an additional study site was established at the Butte Creek CC near Chico in cooperation with John Engen Sr.,* golf course superintendent. Supervision and maintenance of the project during the study was by the Butte Creek Golf Course staff and Butte County Cooperative Extension. Seed and