

OUR HOST SUPERINTENDENT - Paul Paulsen, San Francisco Golf Club

Paul Paulsen, Golf Course Superintendent of the San Francisco Golf Club began working on the course in 1946 under his father who was superintendent. Paul assumed his present position in 1948--covering a span of thirty years. He joined the GCSA of Northern California in 1948 and served on the board and as secretary, vice president and president in 1955. He joined GCSA of America in 1956. San Francisco Golf Club is testimony of Paul's ability to provide a superior golf facility.

San Francisco Golf Club was one of the seven golf clubs West of the Allegheny Mountains when it was founded in 1885. It had its beginning at the Presidio in San Francisco as a nine hole course. It was moved to 19th and Ocean streets in 1904 and to its present location in 1915. The course occupies 171 acres and is 18 holes with 70 acres of fairways, 86,000 square feet of greens, 61,000 sq. feet of tees and 216,500 square feet of traps. The course is equipped with an automatic irrigation system.

It has a reputation of being a great golf course, exceptionally well maintained. Carts are allowed to be used only by persons with physical handicaps with a doctors certificate.

SPEAKER - Frank Tatum, Jr.

Mr. Frank Tatum, Jr., President of the United Golf Association and speaker for the February meeting ranks as the very best. Anyone who has heard him will come back for more; those who have not are in for a most enjoyable experience.

The combination of Frank Tatum, as speaker and the San Francisco Golf Club for the location and Paul Paulsen, Superintendent as host will make this a truly great occasion.

Make your reservations and abide by the rules.

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A NEW YEAR - Bob Livesey, CGCS, President

Once again father time has gone on, and left us with many things to think about. We have made our New Year resolutions, good or bad. Now we hope we can live up to them.

What kind of a year was 1978? Did we learn any thing? We had more than our share of rain the early part of the year. The drought was over!! Then came the fungi. It seemed as though more superintendents were spraying on a preventative basis than ever before. We got that one licked. Then came the long hot summer. It was^afight to keep the bent-grass alive in some areas. We had learned from the previous year we could manage our turf with less water and this helped us all.

Over all very little turf was lost. Most of that was Poa. Along with the summer heat was Crabgrass. With the mild weather early in the year, we didn't get our pre-emergence down in time. What did we learn? You have to apply your herbicides as the weather dictates. You don't apply it at the same time every year. You pay closer attention to the weather. A great number said, we as golf course superintendents need more education. The University of California at Davis took a survey on a state-wide bases, to see how many would be interested in a Superintendents Institute as we have had in the past. Not too much interest was shown. Just before years end, we started getting a colder than normal winter. Greens frozen in areas where only light frost hits. Every one said, "What Next".

Everything will be o.k. We are in a New year. New years eve is behind us, football is over! Now all we have to look forward to are, increasing cost, uncertainty of the weather, new budgets, more regulations, and new challenges as each day goes by. It sounds just like last year. Have a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

DO YOU LET THE SUPERINTENDENT KNOW? If you as a member of GCSA of Northern California (whether you be a superintendent or a vendor) are asked by some one other than the course superintendent to visit the course DO YOU INFORM THE SUPERINTENDENT THAT YOU ARE GOING TO MAKE THE VISIT -- IF NOT, WHY? Your presence could put the course superintendent's job on the line. This is not right.

We as golf course superintendents have enough problems with out having to contend with outside interests. It is understood this has been going on and it should not--at least have the courtesy to inform the superintendent that you are going to be on the course.

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MECHANIC WANTED - Golf Course experience

Contact Ken Sakai, P. O. Box 281, Coyote, CA 95013

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City of Davis has leased the Davis Municipal Golf Course to private parties.

GURMIT SANDHU has been released from the hospital after an coronary heart attack. He appreciates the letters and phone calls and wants to thank all who remembered him. The doctor said he was lucky--he hopes to be back to work next month.

BOB FORD, 920 Valleywood Drive S.E., Salem, Oregon 97302 sends "Hello" to everyone. He is having a forced vacation with the snow and low 20's