

1994 INSTITUTE UPDATE

Santa Cruz, California, was a superb choice for this year's Institute. Both the Dream Inn and the Coconut Grove Conference Center flank the Santa Cruz Wharf on Monterey Bay. It was breathtaking looking out over Monterey Bay with clear blue skies, accented by the boisterous barking of sea lions.

On November 2, 1994, from 1-5pm, the Pesticide Laws and Regulations seminar was held. Bob Costa, CGCS, served as moderator for the day's activities, as well as being the driving force behind the day's event. CDFA hours (4) were given to those attending.

Thursday, November 3rd,

86 participants welcomed Dr. Elizabeth Gibson, the featured speaker, who presented the topic "Managing Your Greatest Resource: Humans." The highlights of her presentation included: hiring with good interviewing practices, performance appraisals, constructive feedback, teambuilding with goal setting and problem solving, communication skills, conflict management, as well as some laws to consider. Dr. Gibson proved

to be a very good speaker in capturing the attention of the audience.

The Institute ended on Friday, November 4th, with a golf outing at De Laveaga Golf Course. The difficult tree-lined layout was in great condition and it proved to be a humbling experience for all players. Many thanks to Superintendent Don Paul and the staff at De Laveaga for a most enjoyable day.

A hearty thank you to all

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LAWS AND REGULATIONS SEMINAR UPDATE

By Bob Costa

The recent Laws and Regulations seminar held in conjunction with the Golf Course Institute provided some noteworthy information related to golf course maintenance. Four speakers, representing various governmental agencies spoke on a variety of topics ranging from container recycling, to pesticide use on golf courses.

Francis Pabrua, from the Monterey County Agricultural Department, encouraged those involved in the golf course maintenance profession to take a proactive position as opposed to a reactive position regarding pesticide legislation. She cited the container recycling and pesticide disposal programs in Monterey County which work toward this objective. The recycling program involves disposing of plastic pesticide containers at the Marina landfill. This program allows golf courses to legally dispose of containers which are then processed and re-used in the future as pesticide containers.

Rick Bergman, from the Santa Cruz County Commissioners office, spoke at length about the many accusations which have

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