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THE MEETING PLACE

November 2-4, 1994
INSTITUTE

DeLaveaga CC
Host Superintendent:
Don Paul

The Course:
DeLaveaga Golf Course is an 18-hole municipal golf course owned and operated by the City of Santa Cruz. The golf course, which consists of approximately 170 acres, is located in DeLaveaga Park. The 500 acres of land that make up DeLaveaga Park were donated to the city of Santa Cruz in 1968 by (who) DeLaveaga to provide a recreational park for the

residents of the residents of Santa Cruz County. The golf course was designed by Burt Stamps and was constructed in 1969. The most significant feature of DeLaveaga is its natural beauty, having been built amidst a tremendous forest displaying many beautiful mature trees throughout the golf course. This short (6,010 yard) but very tight course is surrounded by steep, tree-filled canyons just waiting to snatch up the next victim's golf ball. I'd recommend leaving your driver in your bag on many of the holes unless you're a lot more accurate than I am.

The course has every type of grass imaginable: Poa, bent, rye, blue, bermuda, and fescue are the varieties we're trying to encourage, while we continuously try to eliminate the kikuyu, Dallis and crabgrass. We have an aggressive overseeding

Scorecard			
<i>Results of September Tournament</i>			
<i>Chardonnay Club Shakespeare Course</i>			
LOW NET		LOW GROSS	
Rod Kilcoyne	70	Mike Snyder	74*
Bruce Smith	71*	Jeff Pace	74
Don Naumann	71	Mike Garvale	78
Longest Drive #1 Mark Rogers		Closest to the Hole #13 Doug Holcomb	
<i>Note: A number of scorecards were turned in without last names on them. How can we identify if you're a winner without your full name. Be sure to include it!</i>			
* Indicates winner of tie breaker			

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program in an effort to improve the overall quality of turf throughout the course.

The greens are overseeded 3-4 times per year with

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Institute Update

Early Bird registration must be received by 10/19/94 to take advantage of the savings. Please note we are limited by space to accommodate 150 participants, first come first served.

The featured speaker this year is Elizabeth L. Gibson, PhD. Dr. Gibson is a management and organizational consultant in the San Francisco Bay Area office of RHR International, a firm of corporate psychologists that was founded in 1945.

The target of Dr. Gibson's topic will be "Managing Your Greatest Resource: Humans." Personnel management is a valuable tool in golf course related work. This workshop offers us a tremendous opportunity to polish our skills.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Oh! How we love the days of fall! The beautiful colors on those wonderful trees, the cool crisp air, the shorter days and longer nights, the ideal turfgrass growing conditions. Soon after completing that fall aeration we will be able to reclaim our putting greens from the clutches of those summertime problems.

However, what's ahead involves stocking the chemical shed with fungicides to combat the cool season pests. I suppose we do deserve a pat on the back for coping with the problems handed out by Mother Nature while still presenting our golfers with

quality playing turf. The part that amazes me is we continue to come back year after year to many of the same problems. I presume it's the overall beauty which continues to lure us. "Ah, the humanity of it all!"

The board of directors is looking at having a spouse shopping trip the day of the golf tournament at this year's Christmas Party. The plan being developed is to visit a few wholesale only (not open to the general public) stores by bus at a cost of about \$25. The time is ideal as it will be about 3 weeks to Christmas. I would appreciate some input from the members as to whether we should pursue

this.

Also related to the spouses, GCSAA is requesting assistance from spouses the three days of the spouse program during the conference in San Francisco next year. They require two spouses be available before the program begins each day to assist in the smooth operation and possibly answer some questions. We have been advised a possible economic consideration may be available to those volunteering their time. Please call me if your spouse may be interested.

See you on the tee,
Randy Gai
President

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bentgrass, the tees are overseeded 3 times/year with perennial rye, and the fairways and rough twice, also with perennial rye. This overseeding program in combination without aerification, fertilization and improved irrigation management has resulted in a noticeable improvement in quality throughout the course.

Recent projects on the course include extensive Cambridge Drainage work which was installed on #6, #17, and #18 fairways, a brand new state-of-the-art Driving Range Facility, and a major tree removal and planting program. We're excited about the changes being made to the golf course and are looking forward to some upcoming projects: #1 tee reconstruction, practice green reconstruction, and the maintenance building and yard expansion.

The Superintendent: I was born and raised in Corvallis, Oregon where I was, and still am, very involved in sports. In high school I played

football, basketball and was a four-year letterman in golf. My dad introduced me to the game of golf when I was about 7 years old. I used to caddy for him as a kid and can remember thinking that all that work I did seemed worth more than the four measly bucks I received! But I learned a love of the game, and for that I'll be forever grateful.

I went to college at Oregon State University where I received a bachelor of science degree in Horticulture in 1988. I was in the turfgrass management program at OSU which was instructed by Tom Cook, who is highly regarded for his professional knowledge of turfgrass management in the Northwest.

My first job on a golf course maintenance crews was in 1984 at Corvallis Country Club. After graduation in '88, I worked at Spyglass Hill Golf Course for about a year. In 1990 I landed the Assistant Superintendent position at Marin Country Club where I worked for three

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had the privilege of representing our chapter along with 67 other chapter delegates at the Chapter Relations Meeting a few weeks at GCSAA headquarters.

We were welcomed by President Joe Baidy, CGCS. He presented nine major issues that the GCSAA is currently involved with, ranging from GolfAsia to the selling of sponsorships for

3) increasing member involvement.

The first two items are well under way, or somewhat complete, and much has been written about these items. This meeting was partially in response to the third item. There are now about 200 members serving on GCSAA committees. There will probably be three new standing committees formed following

the two days assessing a list of 23 current problems that the chapter relations planning committee formulated. Items such as chapter volunteers, leadership continuity, non-member access to GCSAA information, chapter affiliation agreements (I bet you never knew we had a formal agreement with GCSAA), low GCSAA membership within the chapters, and many other items were discussed.

Two final items that I took away from the meeting:

1) Expect a survey in the mail very soon dealing with many of the services that GCSAA offers. Please fill it out ASAP and return it. The Board of Directors will be holding a strategic planning meeting in early December. **Your input is strongly requested.**

2) If you are not a GCSAA member, please consider it. The benefits are enormous and the educational opportunities are too important to pass up. Remember, the actions of each and every superintendent, member or not, reflect upon our entire industry. Can you afford not to have the resources of GCSAA behind you?

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years. The superintendent position at DeLaveaga was offered to me in June, 1992.

I have been allowed to manage the course at DeLaveaga the way I see fit and have received tremendous support from the Head Professional, Gary Loustalot, and upper management.

In addition to my membership in GCSANC, I am also a member of GCSAA, OGCSA (Oregon), CAPCA, and PAPA.

I am single (still looking for Ms. Right!). I love to play golf, basketball, and tennis, and I enjoy going to sporting events or relaxing at the Santa Cruz beaches. I'm an active member of the DeLaveaga Men's Club and participate in many of the tournament events held throughout the year.

I enjoy my work as a superintendent very much and am pleased to be a member of GCSANC. I've met some great people and look forward to someday holding office in the association.

The staff at DeLaveaga is looking forward to hosting the Institute in November and we hope to see all the members there for a challenging round of golf!

GCSAA Chapter Relations Meeting

by Rich Lavine, CGCS

GCSAA events. Not all the issues were positive, but he presented the facts, and stood by them.

Steve Mona, CAE, our new CEO, spoke of the new board and staff mandates:

- 1) getting our house in order;
- 2) restoring broken relationships with allied associations, and;

the next board meeting.

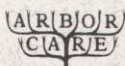
Mona spoke of a new commitment from the entire staff dedicated to member and chapter services. If you have a need or request, the staff will do their best to accommodate. If you have any problems that are not being met, Steve Mona's direct personal phone number is 913/832-4401. He wants to know of any problems!

The group spent most of

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