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Next Meeting: June 26, 2003

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
Westridge Golf Club
1400 S. La Habra Hills Drive
La Habra.
Thomas Guide OC738—B1

MEETING SCHEDULE:
7:30—12:00 Golf & Awards
12:00—1:30 Lunch & Meeting

PRICE:
GOLF: \$ 75.00 INC. LUNCH
LUNCH ONLY: \$15.00 RESERVED
\$20.00 "DROP INS"

2003 MEETING SCHEDULE

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| June 26, 2003 | Golf Tournament | Westridge Golf Club 1400 La Habra Hills Dr. La Habra, CA |
| July | Dark Month | |
| August 28, 2003 | Round Table—Part 2 | Steven's Steakhouse Commerce, CA |
| September 25, 2003 | Native Trees of California Rebecca Latta | Rcho Sta Ana Botanical Garden Claremont, CA |
| October 30, 2003 | State Grants for Urban Forestry Eric Older—tentative | Santa Clarita Sports Center Santa Clarita, CA |
| November 27, 2003 | TBA | TBA |
| December 18, 2003 | Scholarship Program Installation of Officers | TBA |

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CHALLENGES OF THE MUNICIPALITIES—ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION HELD ON MAY 28, 2003

Greg Monfette, Vice President of STS, organized a discussion forum this month to focus on issues that concern our membership. His goal was to hold a meeting that allowed local municipal professionals to discuss urban forest management issues in an open forum.

This type of meeting is encouraged by the by-laws of STS, which describe the objective of our organization. "To bring together professional people in a permanent organization to accumulate, discuss and disseminate information concerning problems of street tree maintenance and management in both rural/urban areas within Southern California cities..."

George Gonzalez, Chief Forester for the City of Los Angeles moderated the session and provided insights about the Forestry Program in Los Angeles.

The panelists for the Roundtable discussion included:

- ◇ Omar Davis, Facilities Supervisor, City of Santa Clarita, former City Arborist responsible for 50,000 trees.
- ◇ David Thompson, Current STS President, Street Superintendent/Contract Officer for the City of Arcadia, responsible for 17,000 trees.
- ◇ Kevin Holman, RPW Services Incorporated, Horticultural Advisor, Pest Control Advisor, Graduate of Cal Poly Pomona.
- ◇ Rose Epperson, West Coast Arborists, Inc., Vice President, Current President Western Chapter of ISA, Past President of STS, Certified Arborist, experience working with a multitude of municipal urban forests and urban forest managers.
- ◇ Walter Warriner, Community Forester for the City of Santa Monica, Past President of the Western Chapter of ISA, Past President of STS, Certified Arborist, Pest Control Advisor.
- ◇ Teresa Prosewicz, Principal Forester, Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department, responsible for thousands of trees in parks throughout Los Angeles.

From a list of ten questions, time allowed for the discussion of two areas of concern. Highlights from those discussions are as follow:

TOPIC: Discuss strategies used in your city to protect the remnant, native forest in urban and suburban Southern California.

George: Los Angeles now has an Oak Tree Ordinance which protects trees over 8" DBH on properties over 1 acre. It is very limited in scope. Revisions to the ordinance will hopefully include additional species and a decrease in the parcel size subject to the ordinance.

Dave: Arcadia protects oaks on both public and private property. An arborist report is required. Monitoring is an issue. Replacement trees are required for mitigation. Reports prepared by a certified arborist are required. Some homeowner's associations

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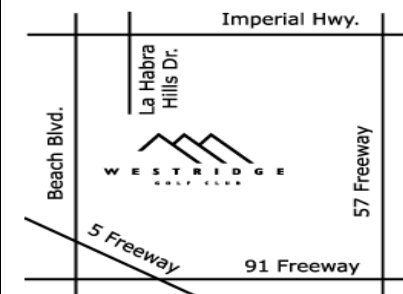


UPCOMING MEETING INFO

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MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 28, 2003:

President Dave Thompson called the meeting to order. Past Presidents Rose Epperson, Walter Warriner, Al Remyn and Dan Jensen attended the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Omar Davis, treasurer, submitted report for the period from 4/24/03 to 5/28/03.

| | General | Cert Dep | Mny Mkt | Total |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Start Bal | \$ 1,112.29 | \$102,897.34 | \$ 25,035.64 | \$129,045.27 |
| Income | \$ 1,754.73 | \$ 126.06 | \$ 22.84 | \$ 1,903.63 |
| Expenses | \$(2,159.16) | | | \$(2,159.16) |
| New Balances | \$ 707.86 | \$103,023.40 | \$25,058.48 | \$128,789.74 |

Membership Report

Pat Duff, membership chair, introduced the new members: *Christina Karens from Tree Musketeers, Robert Sartain with the City of Santa Clarita and Larry Smith from LE Smith Consulting.*

*** Rose Epperson announced that membership dues reminders will be mailed in June. Please renew your membership in STS! ***

Door Prizes

Door prizes were donated by Mark's Tree Service, Sims Tree Health Specialists, Street Tree Seminar, RPW Inc, West Coast Arborists, Century Products, and J.J. Mauget.

The lucky winners were Brian J. Ginley, Omar Davis, Pat Duff, Fred Roth, Rose Epperson, Nate Dodds, Walter Warriner, Gary Sims, Sylvia Blackstone, Steve Dunlap, Steven Cooper, Rebecca Latta.

Next Meeting

Annual Golf Tournament! Westridge Golf Club 1400 S. La Habra Hills Drive, La Habra. Thursday June 26, 2003. Start Time 7:30 AM. For information, call Al Epperson at (714) 412-4880. Entries must be received by June 18, 2003. STS General Meeting to follow golf presentation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Latta, Secretary

STS MEMBERS HONORED BY WESTER CHAPTER ISA

At the STS Meeting in May, Western Chapter ISA Awards Chair, Pat Duff, announced that Ron Morrow with Arbor Life Consulting and Deborah Day from the City of Fontana won the Gold Leaf Award at the ISA Conference. The City of Mission Viejo was awarded the Landscape Beautification award.

Dr. Fred Roth won the Richard W. Harris Award at the conference as well. Since he was not present to receive the award at the conference, Pat presented the award to him at this meeting with assistance from Sylva Blackstone. Fred has many notable accomplishments:

He is a Professor of Ornamental Horticulture at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona in the Horticulture/Plant & Soil Science Department where he has been since 1977. He has his PhD in Plant Pathology from Cornell University. During the last 26 years he has mentored many urban foresters and arborists. He is a cooperator with the California Tree Failure Report Program and has recently served on the Southern California working group updating the WCISA Species Classification and Group Assignment Manual for tree appraisal. He is a current board member of



the California Urban Forests Council and the CaUFC Urban Forester Certification Committee. He has served as an event judge at the WCISA Tree Climbing Championship and has participated once.

Dr. Roth was the first person to send oleander material with live *Xylella fastidiosa* to the California Department of Food and Agriculture after a positive ELISA test for bacterial antigens. *Xylella fastidiosa* is carried by the Glassy Winged Sharpshooter (*Homolodisca coagulata*) is a serious economic pest of California. His work contributes to our understanding of the host range and biology of the pathogen.

Dr. Roth's experience, education, and contributions to the arboriculture industry have provided us with a better understanding of disease, insect and plant relationships, the effect of irrigation practices on pathogens, species selection, planting, and simple field diagnostic techniques.

STS congratulates all the award winners for their outstanding contributions to our industry.

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have stricter protection guidelines that include Sycamore and Alder. *Editor's Note: Arcadia has an unusual remnant native population of very large Quercus engelmannii (Engelmann or Mesa Oak) that remains relatively intact near the city boundary adjacent to Sierra Madre.*

Rose: Anaheim has a native tree ordinance that protects Sycamore, California Pepper, Eucalyptus and Oak. Actions affecting these trees require a report prepared by a certified arborist to be approved by the city. Enforcement and education regarding ordinance requirements continues to be challenge.

Walter: Santa Monica is developing a policy acknowledging the significant contributions trees make to neighborhoods. Planning and education will be a focus of this new effort. Walter considers the plan check process an opportunity to educate a captive audience about the benefits of trees. He feels that it is possible to influence the outcome of a development project so that it includes tree preservation and regeneration of the urban forest canopy as major goals.

Omar: Santa Clarita has a very strong oak tree protection ordinance. It is effective because there was a commitment by the city to have dedicated staff to implement and enforce the ordinance. The ordinance protects oak trees 2 inches in diameter. A strong public education component helps make the ordinance successful. Omar mentioned that CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) has requirements that may need to be considered with removals of groupings of trees. The language reads "significant stands of trees require an environmental impact report".

Teresa: The City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department has 15,000 acres, which includes a large percentage of wilderness areas. They have identified special value trees and heritage trees. Their emphasis has been on watershed management. They have written policies and procedures regarding the preservation of trees in their areas.

Teresa explained that the Department has been working with the Northeast Trees (Scott Wilson), a non-profit organization who has been developing and implementing restoration and management plans for 3 sites in the city. These sites are stream remnants and have populations of native riparian (streamside) trees such as Willow, Sycamore, Alder and Bay. Northeast trees also helps to provide environmental education in the form of training youth in Urban Forestry, Nursery Management and Irrigation Technology. *Walter:* Walter encouraged the audience to consider that trees have a definable dollar value. A benefit cost ration was developed by the Center for Urban Forest Research in Santa Monica. Resi-

dents were much more receptive to information regarding tree preservation when it had a dollar figure attached.

Fred Roth also mentioned that the US Forest Service is launching a program called STRATUM that can determine cost benefit analysis for the urban forest.

Discuss strategies to address the aging of Southern California's Urban Forest.

George: The City of LA has 680,000 trees many of which were planted at approximately the same time. Those trees are beginning to decay at once. He has a program to do selective thinning of trees that are not immediately hazardous.

Dave: Arcadia has a program of selective thinning of Carob, White Alder and Cherry. About 300 trees are scheduled for removal and replacement.

Rose: The City of Beverly Hills has a 10-year replacement program for Ash and Elm. The new tree species were selected and approved by the local tree commission. Community involvement is important for replacement programs. She asked the audience to think about when the value of a tree changes from an asset to a liability. How do you educate the public about such an issue?

Walter: Santa Monica has a five-year removal and replacement program that is a part of their sidewalk and street repair program. Walter's goal is to have 15 to 20% of his inventory less than 10 years of age.

Omar: Santa Clarita's urban forest is young. Some selective removal has occurred as Robinia trees have died or split. They have 180 species, 40 of them are commonly used.

Teresa: Although no comprehensive inventory exists, the parks have been evaluated for age and species diversity.

Unfortunately, due to time restraints, many topics were not touched. One would have to say that Greg met his goal with this informative and interactive meeting forum. We hope to have similar meetings in the near future to continue these noteworthy discussions. Many thanks to the panelists and attendees for their input and interaction.



INDUSTRY CALENDAR

AUGUST 2—6, 2003

**TREE STORIES—HISTOIRES D'ARBRES
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Montreal, Quebec, Canada

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