

## REPORT FROM THE BOARD

The Calistoga meeting was a big success, even though there were not too many in attendance. Those who did not make this meeting should be sorry. Our gracious host, Howard Fisher did a fantastic job, considering that he was a last minute substitute. He spread tables under the trees and had a marvelous outdoor barbecue steak dinner. The steaks were out of this world, and the weather nothing less than perfect. Howards good wife did more than her share to help make this meeting a memorial one.

More important was the innovative ideas of our new president, Roger Larson, who structured this meeting around an Open Forum type meeting with a number of superintendents acting as panel members, who each in turn gave the audience a brief talk about a specific point which they felt was of great importance. The general theme seems to be "The Image of the Golf Course Superintendent, and His Relationship With Various Factions of the Society."

The floor discussion really broke wide open when Fernie Espinoza of the Valley Hi Country Club in Sacramento raised the controversial question: What is the Association doing for its members?

It was refreshing to hear viewpoints from the members. The Board felt that an active participation of the members was important to bring some of these problems into the foreground, and then collectively try and do something to rectify these conditions in an open and constructive manner. This would be the only way in which the Association could become a highly meaningful entity for its members. The Board members stressed the fact that Board meetings are open to all members, and if members come to the Board for help, the Board certainly would do its very best to try and solve whatever problem the member had. The only thing that they asked was for the members to speak up and make themselves heard.

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The President, Roger Larson, using the privileges of his office appointed the following committee chairmen:

Ken Vorderbruggen - Membership Chairman

Larry Feliciano - Assistant Membership, Christmas Meeting, and  
National Affairs Chairman

Kaz Maseba - Golf Chairman

Lou Pohlson - Program and Location Chairman

Chuck Weatherton Cochairman

Lee Huang - Newsletter

Clifford Wagoner - Turfgrass Adaptive Research Program Chairman