

## 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

Fernie Espinoza - Sergeant at Arms

LOU POHLSON - the newly appointed Chairman of the Program and Location committee, sends out an urgent call for help. Those superintendents who can offer their courses for our meetings and those who know good speakers, (and this includes the Class E members who are or know good speakers) to contact him as soon as possible so that he can schedule the meetings for the coming year. Lou can be reached by dialing (916) 273-2736 office; or 273-9692 home. Give him all the help you can, and make this coming year an outstanding success program wise.

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ROGER LARSON reminds everyone that tickets for the US OPEN will go on sale May 15. There is a ticket office inside the Carmel Gate, or for those who want to write in, address U.S. Open, Pebble Beach, Calif. 93953. Those who wish to call (408) 625-1972. Card-holding superintendents are reminded that they can go in free, upon identification. No guests on their card, however.

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DICK VIERGEVER Golf Superintendent for the City of Sunnyvale was the recipient of the second Certified Golf Course Superintendent award for our Northern Association. Cliff Wagoner was the first. Congratulations to Dick, who set a good example for all of us to follow.

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DALE ACHONDO Superintendent for the City of Sacramento, is in the hospital recovering from an operation for the removal of a growth in his chest. Speedy recovery, Dale. We like to see your smiling face at our meetings, that is, if you can pull yourself away from those pretty nurses over there.

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The Board of Directors voted to send a token memorial to the Edward Mutoza family.

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#### FOR SALE

Blake Taylor, City of San Mateo, (415) 343-0582 has for sale  
25 Adamson traveling sprinklers complete with 300 feet of wire  
\$60.00 each

10 Adamson Spot sprinklers - turn of 15 ft radius - \$40.00 each

20 Rainbird impact heads on rollers - \$20.00 each

1000 ft of 1 inch hose with fittings - 20 cents/ft. All in good