

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - By Michael R. Clark, CGCS, Oakmont C.C., Santa Rosa

August - The Superintendents Lament - Seems as though every August turns out to be the same, problems on top of problems. Backhoes that have an attraction for main irrigation lines and underground controller wires - hot spells that defy you to keep your turf green - equipment break downs with the nearest repair parts in Los Angeles - algae that covers your lakes the night before a tournament - then fungus shows up just before quitting time Friday. I'm sure that the list could be lengthened by many, but would any of us change jobs? Not me, for one.

While at Alta Sirra for our last meeting I came away with what I thought was a useful idea. If you find a lost golf club on the course and turn it in to the pro shop they give you a new golf ball. The person claiming the club pays for the new ball. I'm sure this insures a good percentage of lost clubs getting turned in. You might want to share this with the golf professional at your club.

See you at Howard's, *mike*

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September's HOST SUPERINTENDENT - Howard Fisher has been at Mt. St. Helena for 15 years. He is in charge of the golf course and pro shop. He also has a football field, campground and racetrack to maintain..

Mt. St. Helena Golf Course is a county owned golf course built in 1954. Before Howard took it over it was a par three course. Since then it has been extended to 2500 yards par 33. It was the first golf course, nationwide, to be built inside of the track on any fair ground. During the summer months 15 car races will be held.

Come Camping - Play Golf - Attend Meeting

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Editor BOB FORD'S Comments

It has been brought to my attention by some Association members that they felt the Board of Directors wasn't passing on enough information of what transpires at the Board meetings. Arter a lengthy debate about the problem, several alternatives were discussed further. It was noted that in past years many members stated they didn't want to be a part of the business meeting, hence, the Board of Directors holds the business meeting at another time.

The immediate action taken was to state the time of the meeting on the front of the newsletter and welcome all members and their participation.