

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

Thank you Kaz, for the special hospitality we were given at Stockton Country Club. It was obviously due to the great respect your club has for you and the job you do. We should all try to attain that type of working relationship with our own clubs.

The next meeting is the annual election. Please study the list of nominees so you will be familiar with those running and can vote knowl- edgeably. The men elected will be directing the future of our Associ- ation. The list of nominees is an outstanding group and choices will be difficult. If you don't see the name of someone you want elected, come prepared to nominate from the floor. But, WHATEVER, COME AND VOTE!

OAKMONT GOLF COURSE - The construction of the golf course began in the fall of 1963. Nine holes were open for play in the spring of 1964. Oak- mont became an 18 hole course in the spring of 1965 and the Club House, Restaurant, and Pro Shop were opened in March of 1966. Our third nine was opened in June of 1974 and we are currently developing plans for our fourth and final nine.

Land use for golf course is now 152 acres, all of it automatically irrigated. We have in addition to the 27 golf greens, 2 practice putt- ing greens, and a lawn bowling green. There are 85 bunkers and 10 lakes on the 27 holes.

Through the winter the crew size has been 1 foreman, 1 mechanic, and 5 greensmen. As the work load increases 3 more men will be added to the crew. The crew is union, with a starting wage of \$5.71 per hour going to a high of \$6.11. In addition the crew has a pension plan and an extensive health plan.

We are drilling a well right now at an approximate cost of \$30,000.00. This is necessary due to expansion of the course and the predicted water shortage this summer. Our area is a poor well site area, but we have to try to beat the odds.

Play last year resulted in 78,000 rounds of golf most of which was played by residents here at Oakmont. There are over 250 privately owned power golf carts using the course which causes a lot of problems. We have cart paths throughout the course that are used during the winter months.

The Oakmont Golf Course is owned and operated by Oakmont Golf Club, Inc. and is open every day to the public. Hope you enjoy our golf course in the beautiful Valley of the Moon.

Michael R. Clark