

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

This New Year promises to be another year of difficult problems for the superintendent to overcome. The prepared superintendent will be able to deal with situations ahead and keep his turf in the best possible condition. To help you prepare, there are two important dates coming up.

The first is January 28 which is the Northern California Turfgrass Council Exposition at the San Mateo County Fairgrounds, San Mateo. You can compare the new types of equipment, check on prices, and familiarize yourself with equipment you may want to purchase in the months to come. Don't miss this opportunity, it comes only once a year. (We are not holding any meeting in February so all Golf Course Superintendent Association members can attend this Exposition.)

The second date is March 7 through March 12 at Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove. The information that is available during that week is invaluable to golf course superintendents. It can not be obtained any where else but Asilomar. This year the session will deal with the overall management of the golf course. An especially interesting part of this week to me will be the covering of time and motion information. This will enable the superintendent to better use the man power available to him and therefore improve his golf course. Remember Asilomar has limited enrollment, so SIGN UP SOON.

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BOB HANNA DAY - by Bob Ford, Almaden Golf & C.C, San Jose

For those of you who missed the meeting at Walnut Creek, the Board of Directors pulled a big surprise on Mr. Robert E. Hanna. Bob, who is the Executive Director of the Northern California Golf Association, was asked to give the program for the superintendents meeting. His topic, as published in the newsletter was "Comparison of British and United States Golf Courses". Little did Bob know that his presentation would be preceded by "BOB HANNA DAY".

Many of Bob's long-time friends and fellow workers were asked to attend to give testimonial as to why the Superintendent's Association chose to honor Bob Hanna. Those who couldn't attend sent letters which verified why Bob is known as "Mr. Golf" of Northern California.

Celebrities in attendance were: Mr. Charles Van Linge, President NCGA, Dr. John Rhodenbaugh, NCGA Director, Mr. Bill Davis, University of California, Davis; and Mr. Pat Markovitch, P.G.A. professional.

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California honored Bob with an Honorary Membership card to our Association and a