

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by John Engen, CGCS, Butte Creek C.C., Chico

CONGRATULATIONS to Sandu for a great meeting at Orinda CC. Even though Sandy has only been at Orinda a short time, you can see his club already has a lot of respect for him. I have always felt that a good successful meeting at a club is in a way, a tribute to the Superintendent; otherwise they wouldn't go all out for him the way they do.

The program on tree problems was enlightening to me. I don't know about the rest of you, but I have concentrated so hard on turfgrass through the years that most of the tree problems have slipped by me. Keep these good programs coming Cliff. I have always felt that Cliff Wagoner would do an excellent job as program committee chairman. After talking to Cliff on some of the ideas he has for the coming year, new meeting places and new programs, I'm sure I was right. In our business, as it is in so many others, continued education, that's the name of the game.

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LA RINCONADA COUNTRY CLUB is an 18 hole golf course. There are lakes on hole numbers 11, 14 and 15. Aubrey will tell us more at the meeting.

Aubrey has been a member of GCSA of Northern California since 1934 and took time out to serve his country from 1941 to 1946. The Association disbanded and started again in 1946. He has held the office of secretary in 1949, president in 1966 and worked on the program committee. He has been at La Rinconada since 1969. He is also a GCSA of America member and loves to play golf. He was tournament chairman in 1968 when the GCSAA tournament was played on the Monterey Peninsula prior to Conference in San Francisco.

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PROGRAM AT ORINDA COUNTRY CLUB - by Bob Livesey, City of Visalia

Doug Hamilton and Dr. Carl Koehler had an excellent program. It was a shame that there was not enough time to cover the tree management and insect problems a little deeper. Some of the questions from the membership, brought out information that many of us have been pondering about for some time. There were several conversations after the program on this subject. When a club starts on an extensive tree planting program they very seldom consult with the superintendent. The maintenance program that we have on the golf course is quite different than the tree committee has in their yard. The superintendent should get with his farm advisor and work up a list of trees for his area and present this to the tree committee for their selection. The Farm Advisor can be of great help. Lets use him.