

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

THANKS AGAIN to Mike Clark for being a great president and for his 7 yrs on the board. It is going to be tough following in your footsteps Mike. I would also like to congratulate you for one of the most organized annual meetings we have ever held. Everything went like clock work.

Many thanks to the awards committee for bestowing upon me the Superintendent of the Year award. There are many more deserving than I, but is greatly appreciated and is my most prized possession. It is now hanging in the pro shop at Butte Creek Country Club.

One sure way to be a success or to be a good leader is to surround yourself with good and capable people and this is what you have done for me by electing competent people. We are looking forward to a great year, but it will take the participation and input from all the membership. Let us hear from you.

BUTTE CREEK COUNTRY CLUB was designed by Golf Course Architect Bob Baldock. Construction began in April 1963 and the course opened for play in April 1964. Some changes have taken place thru the years. Fairways were seeded originally to bluegrass, red fescue and highland bent. They are now being seeded to bermuda. Butte Creek was a complete quick coupling system. Now greens and tees are automated with plans to do fairways this fall. Butte Creek Country Club is owned by the members and has a closed membership at 325. The course is a championship layout with regular tees playing 6,642 yards and can be lengthened to 7,100 yards.

Butte Creek country Club has a new manager, Mr. Larry Reynolds, a new golf professional Mr. Bob McCallister and an old golf course superintendent

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Editor's Notes by Bob Ford

Awards Committee - The Awards Committee, chaired by Bob Livesey did an excellent job choosing their recipients for this year's awards.

Superintendent of the Year - John Engen

Excellence in Golf Turf Management - Bill Nigh

Class F Award - Chuck Mangold

ELECTIONS - Elections were held at Oakmont Country Club, Santa Rosa at the scheduled annual meeting. It was reported that our Association has at present 143 members with a quorum of 36 needed for the elections. We had 45 members present for the balloting. New officers are:

- President - John Engen
- Vice President - Bill Nigh
- Secretary-Treasurer - Bob Ford
- Second year Director- Dave Griffiths
- New Directors - Bob Livesey  
Grady Simril  
John Zoller appointed for 1 year to fill the unexpired term of Bob Ford
- Past President - Mike Clark

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NEWSLETTER CONTEST - Our "Name the Newsletter" contest came to a climax at the annual meeting at Oakmont Country Club. Many thanks go to the nine people who submitted a total of 34 names. The Board was then asked to pick the top six names for the membership to decide on at the annual meeting luncheon. The name that received the most Board votes was also the choice of the membership. THRU THE GREEN is the new name, submitted by Mr. Clifford Wagoner. "Thanks, Cliff, and spend that \$25.00 all in one place."

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Deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Stanley Pachaeco. Stan was a member of GCSA of Northern California since 1963 and worked at La Vista Land Development Co. (Hayward Golf Course).

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Phil Dellner introduced his new bride (Karla) at last meeting.

Walt and Nina Boysen are traveling. Hope to see part of the Masters Tournament, Jekyll Island, Savannah, Charleston, Hilton Head, Myrtle Beach, Pinehurst and the Smoky Mountains.

Gary Ingram, Tilden Golf Course, Berkeley, passed his Class B exam.

Paul C. Lloyd, Seascape Golf Course, Aptos is a Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Class A member #8154.

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At the annual meeting, an audit committee of Bill Nigh, Griff Taylor, John Flachman and Ed Stocke reviewed the books for the year ending January 31, 1976. All was in order.