Carmel Valley Golf and Country Club, which just celebrated its 12th year, is a good example of a successful non-proprietary private club. It was built and organized by the same team that still manages it today. There are no committees, and Steve Carlton, the golf course superintendent, reports directly to the President, Ed Haber. The staff, remaining constant, does not have the same problem as most clubs that have changing Boards of Directors every year or two. Golf Course equipment, for example, can be bought without waiting for any committee decision.

The Club recently was the site of the USGA Senior Amateur Championship, and is particularly noted for its 10 lakes, which have been made into game bird sanctuaries. Also on the grounds, and owned by the Club, is Quail Lodge, the only resort hotel in California with the Mobil 5 Star Award.

Because of Quail Lodge, there are a great many celebrities who play golf at the Club, and during the Crosby Pro-Am such players as Gary Player, Arnold Palmer, Johnny Miller, Doug Sanders, David Graham and Bob Charles have played the course.

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Members of the Sierra Nevada GCSA are invited to attend the meeting at Carmel Valley Golf & Country Club.

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PROGRAM - Mr. Tom Simmons, representative from Mission Insurance Company, who carry compensation coverage on a large number of clubs will speak on safety practices on the course which can reduce accidents. Mr. Simmons has had a great amount of experience with golf course accidents so his message should be of interest to all.

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It was good to see Bill Mayo, who is a charter member of GCSAof Northern California back in 1932, and George Finnin a member since 1953 retiring in 1974. Both live in the Reno area.

Steve Flatt, Wilcox Oaks is building a new 9 which is under construction now.

Griff Taylor, Kelly Ridge Golf Links, is repairing damage done by recent rains.

Del Rio Golf & C.C., Modesto, Cliff Wagoner, Superintendent, hosted the United States Golf Association Junior Girls Championship.

The following week Del Paso Country Club, Sacramento, Tom Unruh, Superintendent, hosted the United States Golf Association Women's Amateur Championship tournament.
Allan C. Mooser is located at Hidden Valley Lake Golf Course, Box 628 Middletown, CA 95461. Phone 707 987-3513.

Bob Livesey, Thru the Green editor has a change of address to 415 N. Akers Rd., Space 19, Visalia, Ca 93277. Same phone number. He says "Come on fellows, take time to let us know what you are doing."

Bill Nigh's address change is Pasatiempo Golf Course, Box 535, Santa Cruz, CA 95061, phone office 408 426-3622.

Terry Duggan address change is 11622 Lampson, Garden Grove, CA 92640

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A FEW COMMENTS ABOUT RETIREMENT by a recent retiree Blake Taylor

From my standpoint it's great. I recommend it to everyone. At least everyone who has enough income to live comfortably on.

Unless a person has extravagant tastes and wants to live "high off the hog" he can get by on considerably less income than he thinks he can.
In my case with Social Security and my state pension due to my last superintendents position with the City of San Mateo, I have an adequate income to live comfortably on and even save a little. However, I strongly advise you superintendents, especially those within ten years of retirement, to put away everything you can in some kind of pension plan as Social Security will come no where near supporting your present style of living.

Medicare and an over 65 supplemental health insurance relieves one somewhat of the thought of being completely wiped out by some catastrophic illness or accident also.

As to working--I thought before retirement I would miss it. I haven't. Lying in bed another hour or two or even three has become an easy thing to get used to. And staying up for the late show if I desire to do so doesn't bring guilt feelings the next day for feeling less than "up to par." I also haven't missed the fungus attacks or the fertilizer burns or the loss of the "POA" during the heat spells. Also worm casts and weeds haven't caused me any loss of sleep lateley. That's retirement.

Keeping busy is no problem. Besides keeping up the house and yard, playing golf three days a week keeps me in reasonably good shape. And a three or four day trip now and then to Reno, Tahoe or Northern Calif