

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Bill Nigh, Pasatiempo GC, Santa Cruz

It's nice to return to Lake Tahoe for a joint meeting with the Sierra Nevada Chapter. I for one always look forward to this meeting. Our thanks to Richard Tokos and to the Tahoe-Donner Golf Club for making it possible.

I want to mention some projects that we have in the works. First of all, a committee has been formed to help Bill Davis in his planning for the Asilomar program. This committee does not want to do it alone--we want your thoughts and ideas. Second, we have nearly completed a new job description for Golf Course Superintendents--this paper will appear under the logos of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California and the Northern California Golf Association. A third project is an updated exam with accompanying readily available reference material. The fourth project is a training program for new persons entering the turf management field. At this time we have a rough draft of the training outline, covering all aspects of turf management and including irrigation, aquatic weed control, tree care, mechanics, building maintenance and so on.

These four projects alone require a lot of time and effort, and I just want to thank my Board members at this time for all their help.

*Bill Nigh*

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Our HOST FOR THE AUGUST MEETING, DICK AVEN.

Dick Aven has been at Marin Country Club since it was constructed in 1957. When construction was completed, he stayed on as part of the maintenance crew. In 1968, Dick was promoted to Assistant Superintendent. He held this position for five years. In 1973, the club appointed him Superintendent.

Marin Country Club was opened in 1958 with 200 members. Today there are approximately 600. Last year the membership purchased the club. The par 72 layout is located south of Novato in Marin County. The rolling terrain makes for a very fine course.

Dick gets his water from his own reservoirs and wells located on the property. With the drought situation very bad in Marin County, he is on a very strict water conservation program

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By now everyone who attended the 1977 Golf Course Superintendents Institute at Asilomar has received their copies of the proceedings. Our many thanks to Bill Davis for a job well done.