

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

The annual election meeting will be held at Butte Creek Country Club, Chico, Tuesday, April 12th. This is your opportunity to support the people you want to run your Association so COME and VOTE.

If you have something on your chest or have ideas that you feel will help our Association, come to the general meeting and let us hear from you. If you feel you have something to contribute and would like to run for office; or if you know someone that you feel would be an asset to the Board of Directors, contact our nominating committee immediately.

Chico is going to be a long drive for a lot of you (I know) but make a special effort to attend this very important meeting.

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TOM UNRUH notes that Del Paso is an 18 hole course, 6,336 yards, par 72, rating 69.6. It is the oldest club in the Sacramento valley, built in 1916 by British architect Herbert Fowler. Only 4 holes of the original design have been changed. Once this area was a forty minute drive from the country but now it is in the center of urban Sacramento.

Tom Unruh has been Superintendent for 2 years. He has been with the City of Davis and Cooperative Extension Service since graduating from Davis with a degree in park and recreation administration in 1970.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE Chairman Larry Feliciano, 316 West 8th Street, Antioch, CA 94509 phone 415 757-4690, Committee Kaz Maseba, Stockton Golf & CC., 537 Yettner, French Camp, CA 95231 phone 209 982-1364 and Norm Stewart, Contra Costa CC, 4137 Forestview Avenue, Concord, CA 94521 need member contact for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and Directors (Grady Simril and Robert Livesey have one more year to serve) two will be elected. Please contact the above and help them with a slate of officers. IT IS YOUR ASSOCIATION.

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THATCH AND INSECTICIDES - by Robert Livesey, Plaza G.C., Visalia

Dr Niemczyk at the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, Wooster, Ohio has made a study the past 5 years on the effect of thatch in regards to insecticides.

If we are totally restricted from using chlordane and have a thatch problem, there could be a problem with the effectiveness of our insecticides.

Tests have shown that a 1/2" of thatch will reduce the control of the organophosphate insecticides by as much as 24%. Why? These tests show