

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

that as much of the chemical is being bound to the thatch and not reaching the area where it is needed. The thatch may be why many superintendents say they are not getting the control they should with their insecticides.

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FRIDAY'S ACTIVITIES AT ASILOMAR by David Griffiths, Pacific Grove Muni G.C.

Although Friday was a short one, as with every other day a lot was accomplished.

Mr. Geoffrey Cornish and Mr. Robert Graves did a super job. They presented the architects side of golf course design and construction and how the superintendent and architect should work together whenever possible. They both gave very good coverage in analyzing the design problems.

In reviewing the last 5 years Bill Davis spoke of each year and how different each session was and I realized how much I had gained out of attending all of them.

Then came the question what's next??? It started as a 5 year program and this was it, do we continue, I hope so, we need all the knowledge possible to do our jobs well.

Those of you who feel we should continue with the Institutes, let your feelings be known to your Board of Directors, so they can present something to the N.C.G.A..and Bill Davis.

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The Golf Course Superintendent Chapters of California wish to thank the following companies for their support of the California hospitality room at the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Conference in Portland, Oregon: Brady-Holmes Co., Sacramento; Toro Distributing, Burlingame; Toro Pacific Distributing, Gardena.

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David Griffiths reports he has been told to stop watering the course by the City Council. They feel in the circumstances someone should lead the way. A District meeting of Mayors is being held hopefully to resend the order for at least the greens and tees. What was the verdict, Dave?

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The annual meeting of the Golf Course Superintendents Associations of California (Hi-Lo, San Diego, Southern, Central, Northern, Sierra-Nevada) will be held Sunday and Monday, May 22 and 23, 1977 It will consist of educational meeting, banquet and golf. Be sure and mark the date and plan to attend to find out what the rest of the California superintendents are doing. Location will be the San Luis Obispo Country Club, San Luis Obispo with Al Glaze, Golf Course Superintendent as host. More later.