

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

It was nice returning to my old stomping grounds--Marin County. Even though Marin is very dry, Dick Aven had the golf course looking very good. Our thanks to Dick and the Marin Golf and Country Club for being such good hosts. Speaking of the meeting, I for one like these programs where the superintendents get involved. We've got a great bunch with a world of knowledge stashed away, and I really appreciate it when we get together and share our knowledge.

A REMINDER - On October 5th the Northern California Turfgrass Council in conjunction with U. C. Cooperative Extension will be holding their "Irrigation for Drought Survival" seminar. It's a very worthwhile program, so please mark that day on your calendar.

We've lost another good friend. First Don Lancaster moved to Modoc County, and now Frank Silva is going to Massacre Canyon Inn (MCI) Golf Course, Gilman Hot Springs, which is close to Hemet, California. We're going to miss that guy, but wish him the very best.

One last item--after much consideration, your Board of Directors voted to increase the membership dues by five dollars. Operating expenses have risen to the point where we found it was necessary to have this increase.

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OUR HOST FOR SEPTEMBER - Glenn Welsh of Corral De Tierra CC started in the golf business 55 years ago in Erie, PA. In talking with Glenn, where he has been you might say, you name it and if it is in the United States, he has been there. Glenn comes from the old school of pro-superintendents that you find more in the eastern part of the country, and is a life member of the P.G.A. In 1950 he was pro/supt. at the San Angelo CC, Texas; 1954 at the Plairmount CC, Altoona, Pennsylvania. After moving around for a number of years, he settled at the Continental CC, Flagstaff, Ariz. Two years ago Glenn came to Corral De Tierra.

The course was built in 1959 in the rolling hills area between Salinas and Monterey. Glenn has completed a conversion to a Toro Automatic irrigation system. He said he has been able to hold his own with water this year. Everything is green. Glenn is real proud of the sand filter system he has installed on his pumping stations. He says anyone who is interested he would be most happy to show and explain to them at the meeting.

Thank you, Glenn.

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