For the small amount of planning that went into the tournament that was held at Sunol on the 13th of November, it was a success. I would like to thank Bill Nigh, Grady Simril, Norm Stewart and Cliff Wagoner for their help. Cliff was unable to be there to help with the scoring with Myrtle just getting out of the hospital. She is doing fine. Bill and Grady stayed late to get all the flight winners down on paper before everyone had to leave. The winners will receive their gift certificates or cash in the mail.

We didn't want to go overboard on the entry fee in order to see what the reaction would be to this type of event. From the comments that were made by the people that participated, it looks like this is something to continue with. One of the guests I talked with said this was the first time he had really talked with his superintendent. This is the kind of thing we are after!

George Santana showed up for lunch and is getting along fine. Thanks George, it was a pleasure to see you up and around. Another pleasant surprise was to see Orville Suttles, I hope you will be able to make some of the meetings. Thanks for coming Orville.

As I mentioned, this function seems to be wanted. We will be setting up a committee to start working on this shortly and are planning on holding it at least a month earlier this next year, to insure better weather.

Once again, I would like to thank the 58 people who showed up with the weather as it was. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves!

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Superintendent   Paul Dias    Saratoga CC   1st
                 Jim Ross     The Villages   2nd

Pro            Al Braga      The Villages   1st
              Bill Corbett  Meadow Club  2nd

Guest          John Fuller   Saratoga CC   1st
               A. W. Farren  The Villages   2nd

Pro-Supt B.B.   Stan Burgess  Claremont CC  1st
               Tal Smith
               Pal Dias     Saratoga CC   2nd
              Brad Lozares

Team B.B.       Paul Dias     Saratoga CC   1st
                Brad Lozares
                John Fuller
                Rob Vander Tooren
Team B.B. (continued)  
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Re: Ernest M. Willey  

Gentlemen:  

I do not know whether or not there is any competition or recognition for various of your superintendents, but I wished to send a letter to you concerning Ernest M. "Doc" Willey, the greenskeeper at the Bishop Golf Club.  

Mr. Willey has been the superintendent at the club for practically four and one-half years, and the change in the golf course has been fantastic. It is true that it is only a nine-hole course, but the greens, fairways, and entire course maintenance are as fine as I have seen in the 51 years that I have played golf.  

I have belonged in my life to La Jolla Country Club, Rancho Santa Fe Country Club, Ann Arbor Golf and Outing, and other relatively excellent golf clubs; and I can only say that I have never seen a better job of greenskeeping done.  

Yours very truly,  

CHARLES ELWYN KARPINSKI  

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