

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Robert E. Livesey, CGCS

Our annual trek to the Sierra is over and every one returned, I think? From the comments that were made every one had a wonderful time. Some more so than others! Our Host Bob Townsend and the Sierra Nevada Chapter made everyone feel at home.

At the board meeting on the 5th of October a couple of questions come up that should be answered by the membership. One pertains to reservation cards. This has been cussed and discussed for quite some time. It is now getting to be a problem. Cards are being sent in and people do not show and there are some who don't bother to send them but still come to the meeting. This puts a burden on the host superintendent. He has to work with his golf professional on the members who are playing golf and with the club manager or chef who is taking care of the food preparation. There are several superintendents that will not host a meeting because of this lack of consideration. If you send a card that you will attend, but then find out that you can not, call the host superintendent and let him know. If you don't send in a card but find out that you are able to attend, at least call the host the day before, and let him know. This is just common courtesy.

The other question. Are our annual dues just a green fee, to enable a member to bring his friends to play golf? This is being done. I do not feel this is fair to the membership as a whole. We hope that the monthly meetings are mainly to bring information, exchange ideas, and create fellowship among the people who are involved in the turf grass industry.

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RESULTS AT CLAREMONT MEETING by Stan

Being that the format for the meeting was new I think that some people were inclined not to say anything, unless it was a compliment. Well, I would like to thank everybody for being so nice to me but Claremont Country Club is not in perfect condition and I know that as much as anyone. I also don't know of any course that is in perfect condition. There is always room for improvement. Let's all remember that. I think that we must continue this type of meeting but we will have to get a little more critical. Let's all face the fact that in order to be a Golf Course Superintendent we have to be a little thick-skinned to start with.

After the meeting I had the opportunity to discuss the outcome with our golf professional Tal Smith and Green Committee Chairman Jim Dinwiddie. They were impressed with our knowledge, attitude and general impression that we left. But as Tal stated in his article we have room for improvement. He also understands that this was our first meeting of this type. We must get into all areas of golf course maintenance. We are no longer just grass farmers. We must look at our course from the players point of view.