

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Bob Livesey, CGCS, Plaza Golf Course, Visalia

After our July meeting at San Jose Country Club, on the way home I had a chance to think back on what one of our guest speakers, Charles McFarland, had to say. He brought out many good points. Two of them, which we as an Association stress, professionalism and continuing education. At this point in time both of these go hand in hand. With the ever changing regulations, formulations, and methods of application of pesticides we must have education. The demands that are being put on the superintendent to manage his people, maintenance program, budget, and be a good P.R. man with his board and members, we must have education. To apply these with the proper attitude you must be professional in every way.

We have available to us, one of the finest educational programs anywhere. The Superintendents Institute at Asilomar. A five year program with a different subject covered each year. This program should be considered #1. Many say my club won't let me go, or they won't help to send me. NCGA will be more than happy to help by talking to your club officials on your behalf. Maybe you yourself have not asked. You have to take the first step. Try it, who knows we may see you at Asilomar in October.

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Dear President Bob:

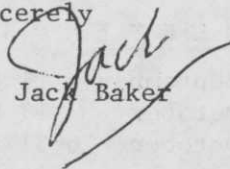
To Bob and all the Officers and Members of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California, may I take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for the honors bestowed upon me at the Boulder Creek meeting in June.

The beautiful plaque has a special spot on my bedroom wall and the lifetime membership will always be carried with me wherever I go. One of my resolutions is to attend more and more meetings now that my time is free to do so.

As the weeks of retirement have passed so quickly and with so many new activities coming along I'm just wondering how I found time to put in my 8 hours on the job. My main pursuit at the moment is to sharpen up my golf game and with a new beautiful set of Clubs and Bag from the Company (H.V. CARTER) I'm just going to concentrate on "shooting in the low 100's".

Best of success to you all,

Sincerely


Jack Baker