PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Robert E. Livesey, CGCS Plaza GC, Visalia

After the meeting of the California Golf Course Superintendents Associations at San Luis Bay Inn, several of us started discussing the changes that have taken place over the past decade. Our Farm Advisors are now involved with ornamentals. More research on turfgrass and tuftgrass problems are being done by the universities. Equipment manufacturers are making their products more versatile. The chemical industry has given us better fertilizers herbicides, fungicides and insecticides. More educational opportunities are now available. These are but a few, but seem to fit into the more important group.

As you can see we have available to us, people with the expertise to help with some of our problems. It is not only people from our universities and industry who can help. It is also your fellow superintendent, our Association. All you have to do is ask. It is much easier to ask for help than it is to try and fight it alone.

Haggin Oaks Golf Course is part of the original Del Paso Grant. In 1918 the City of Sacramento purchased 828 acres for parks for $41,000. The golf course today is on 328 acres with a total of 36 holes.

Construction of the South 18 began in February 1932. The architect was Allister Mc Kinsey. On the North course the front 9 was built in 1967. the back 9 was built in 1970. The architect was Michael Mc Donagh who was a member of the Association from 1956 until his death in 1971.

Joe Andrade has been superintendent since November 1979. Many improvements have been contemplated. Number 12 on the South course has been reconstructed and was seeded on September 8th. It was designed and constructed by golf course builder Jim Larkin.

MEETINGS

October 26-31 California Golf Course Superintendents' Institute
Asilomar Grounds, Pacific Grove

November 10 Superintendent-Professional Golf Tournament
Castlewood CC, Pleasanton

December 5 Rancho Canada GC, Carmel