

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



BOB FORD

During the last year, the name "California Golf Course Superintendents Association" has been mentioned at nearly every monthly meeting and several times in the association newsletter. What is significant about this association? To the older members, this organization is a facelifted version of the "California Federation of Golf Course Superintendents Associations", but to the newer members, this seems like just a new organization.

The Calif. Federation Association was adopted June 1, 1964. Article I Section 2 reads "The purpose of the Federation shall be to combine the efforts of the golf course superintendents and their local associations for more efficient collection and dissemination of knowledge and information in order to promote better maintenance and construction of golf courses, to consolidate educational meetings and conferences and to enhance the efficiency, dignity, prestige and welfare of the golf course superintendent". This objective of the Federation was so applicable, that it was used almost word for word for the By-Laws of the new California Association.

As many associations do, the Federation met with several problems and pitfalls, which are better left unsaid, and ceased to be an active, viable organization. Several years went by until last year, representatives of the six local state chapters decided to reinstate the association with a new name and By-Law changes but keeping the same articles of incorporation. After a year's hard work, the California Golf Course Superintendents Association's new By-Laws were adopted at the Annual Meeting at Singing Hills Country Club, May 15th, 1983. This new association is comprized of all A & B members of all six local California chapters, plus it is an affiliate chapter of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

In my opinion, this association will perform three important functions:
1. Provides a vehicle to exchange common information
2. A social gathering for people with the same goals
3. A combined national voting block.
Functions one and two are quite simple while the voting block might need some explanation. At no time do you ever lose your right to individually vote in a national election. If you do not want to vote individually, you can give your vote to your local chapter representative to vote as a block chapter vote, which has been one the last several years. Now

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with a nationally affiliated state chapter, there is a third voting option. An affidavit can be signed over to a state representative who will carry the entire state block vote to the national convention and vote it as seen fit by the majority. This may seem very confusing, but a large block of state votes might carry some "clout" on critical national issues.

B O A R D B R I E F S

New Members - Class D

Ken Schwark	415-223-6675	David C. Vaught	415-726-9227
3900 Giant Road		Box 654	
Richmond, CA 94806		Half Moon Bay, CA 94019	
Richmond CC,	415-232-1080	Shoreline GC,	415-968-9032

Class- F

Thomas Comalli	916-722-4225	Timothy Carpenter	415-682-0469
6832 Woodlock Way		2520 Walters Way Apt 16	
Citrus Heights, CA 95610		Concord, CA 94520	
O. M. Scotts & Sons	916-722-4225	E-Z-Go Textron, Inc.	415-785-0712
	Kent Myers		408-629-8141
	5771 Cohasset Way		
	San Jose, CA 95123		
	E-Z-Go Textron, Inc.		415-785-0712

Pending 30-day waiting period

Class D

James E. Pryor	William Andrade
Sequoia Wood CC, Arnold	Sunol Valley GC, Sunol

Transfer to Class A-Tarsem Singh, Pittsburg G&CC (subject to exam)

Reinstated to Class A-John Flachman, Bennett Valley GC

Ray Story, Green Valley CC, Suisun, Passed Class B exam.

Golf-Professional playing in the Supt./Pro Tourn. need not be card carrying PGA Pro.

State Ass.- Bob Ford receiving support around nation for nomination to GCSAA Board.

National Ass.- James McLoughlin (GCSAA Executive Director) has announced his intention to resign, effective Sept. 1, 1983.

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