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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I recently completed reviewing the resume's of 18 applicants for an assistant superintendent position at Oakmont. Their experience and education in the golf course field was most impressive. Also, some applicants from related fields applied with impressive credentials from their respective area of expertise. That response assured Oakmont of having a highly-qualified person fill this position.

This made me aware of how highly competitive positions in our part of the golf industry are becoming. There are many ways for us to keep up with the competition while doing our jobs at our clubs: Attend our monthly meetings and annual seminar, become certified by the national association, get your certified applicators

licence. Also, attend the national and local equipment shows when it is economically feasible and take advantage of the many seminars they offer. The university through the extension service and the TARP program offers still more opportunities. These are some of the ways to keep ourselves abreast of the industry, and I urge you to get involved when and as often as you can.

MEETINGS

JANUARY 11 San Jose Country Club, San Jose

FEBRUARY 5-13 56th International Golf Course Conference and Show Washington, D.C.

MARCH Del Paso Country Club, Sacramento

APRIL 9 Oakmont Golf Course, Santa Rosa - "Annual Meeting"

MAY Rossmoor Country Club, Walnut Creek

JUNE Half Moon Bay Golf Course, Half Moon Bay

* Program Chairman Steve Carlton states that he is hopeful that the Joint Meeting with Sierra Nevada will be in the Monterey area for 85, sometime in October.