

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Whoever said that "life forms a circle and always comes back again to where they were"\* , surely had me in mind with our visit to the Gilroy Golf Course. It was over twenty five years ago when I started work here as the maintenance crew. Yes, a totally one-man arrangement with Vernon Brown, PGA; the Pro, Manager, Superintendent, and entire labor force. I must have really helped that first summer by taking the entire time to white-wash a fence that no longer exists. My best job was to stay out of his way, I think.

For a period of ten summers I watched that course change from a semi-swamp into a very playable course today. Then why do I feel that the simplicities of a natural design are sometimes waylaid by the

over zealousness of over management? There's a story in there folks!

Bye,

*Ken*

Footnote: \* Black Elk (Hehaka Sapa) 1863-1950 - Sioux Indian

## MEETINGS

- SEPTEMBER 19-24 Mid-Year Turfgrass Conference & Show  
Indiana Convention Center & Hoosier Dome, Indianapolis, Ind.  
Educational Seminars, staff training workshops, trade show  
Call 1-800-472-7878 GCSAA.
- OCTOBER 10 Riverbend Golf & CC, Broderick
- NOVEMBER 8 Del Rio Golf & CC, Modesto
- DECEMBER 6 Rancho Canada, Carmel (Annual Christmas Party)

+ Want to host a meeting? Please contact Program Chairman Paul Dias -  
+ 415 329-2101 or 408 238-4219. If your course can handle some inclement  
+ weather, contact Paul for the early months of the year January, February,  
+ and March. I'm sure they are open. The winter months are a great time  
+ for a super educational program! Give Paul a hand with your ideas.