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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Again, we had an excellent turnout at DeLaveaga Golf Course and again as in the past, our host superintendent, **Campbell Turner**, was the perfect host. The course, even with the construction of a new pond liner going on was enjoyed by all and the buffet was excellent. Many thanks to Campbell and the staff at DeLaveaga for making us feel welcome.

It takes a major effort by the Superintendent and a lot of cooperation from their respective clubs to host one of our meetings. These meetings just do not happen by themselves. It is also a major task to run Program Chair (**Rod Kilcoyne**) to coordinate and schedule them. Each month it involves mailing out cards for registration, arranging for speakers, checking out the facilities, handling numerous phone calls, planning for golf, registering and a lot of details that have to be taken care of. Some of this is accomplished by the Association Secretary, but much of it is done by our members.

I am not trying to discourage anyone from hosting a meeting, but I am saying that the effort is greatly appreciated. Sometimes a Superintendent can't participate on a committee or volunteer their time, but can host a meeting. This is a great way to show support for our Association. I very specifically said our Association, because that's what it is.

I would like to take a moment to remind everyone what the monthly meeting reservation policy is. The reservation card you receive in the mail each month for a meeting serves many purposes. The first being to get a count on the number of people who will be attending the meeting. This helps the host superintendent and staff arrange to have enough food and chairs. Can you imagine the disappointment to have 120 people show up for a meeting and only enough chairs or food for 80?! The second reason for the card is to plan the pairing and format for golf. Any member has the right to cancel 48 hours if they cannot make the meeting. A member who signs up to come to a meeting and does not show up or cancel is subject to a billing of \$5.00 to defray Association's costs.

The program and education committees are welcome to suggestions for monthly meeting topics and meeting sites. So if I didn't take you out of it, please contact our Association office (408-865-0360) or Program Chair Rod Kilcoyne, for a spot on our schedule. At the present time we are booked through December 1990.

See you at the Superintendent/Pro Tournament on July 16 at Palo Alto Hills Country Club.

Joe Rodriguez, President

