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PRESIDENTS

I'd like to begin by first thanking **Tim Sedgley** for hosting our May Meeting at Oakhurst CC. The facility, meal and golf course were first class. The condition of the golf course is a tribute to Tim's ability. Given a few years of maturity it can only get better. Thanks again Tim.

Along these same lines I'd like to thank **Sierra Pacific Turf Supply** and **Par-Ex Fertilizer** for supplying the beverage cart. All the proceeds (\$97) were donated to the Association to go towards our Scholarship Fund. Not only is this greatly appreciated, but its an excellent way for our Affiliate Members to become more involved in the Association.

From time to time our Affiliate Members tend to get lost in the shuffle. Unless you serve on the Board and have been assigned the joyous task of raising donations for the Christmas Party you never realize just how important our Affiliate Members are. I understand many people look at them differently because their not Superintendents. In all reality I don't think there's an Association in the country that could survive without their support. So again, thank you Don and Ibsen for your contribution and I welcome any other support our Affiliates wish to give.

Before I end let me touch on the happenings of the State Association. As you know over the last year Northern California has had some serious reservations concerning the direction the State Association has been taking. Not so much as to its goals but more specifically the quickness with which everything was happening. A very big part of this has been with the Golden State Fairways. As you know GSF was originally published on a quarterly basis. Each chapter would submit various articles to be published. Once all the information was assembled and put to print we theoretically would receive a publication that was diverse and informative. Unfortunately after the first several issues were published much of the information submitted was never printed. Needless to say this raised a critical question as to editorial control. No sooner had Northern California begun voicing their concerns, the State decided to publish GSF on a monthly basis. When Northern California indicated they were adamantly against this, which incidentally was primarily due to the States lack of resolving the problem they had experienced on a

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quarterly basis, we were branded "The Bastards".

As you know May 11-13 th was our Annual State Meeting. It was held in Palm Springs this year and was a great success. A State Board Meeting was held prior to the Educational Session and the biggest topic was GSF. It was interesting to note how frustrated the other chapters are becoming with GSF. The questions they were asking the publisher were the same questions Northern California asked a year ago. After everyone had voiced their concerns, I indicated that Northern California had every intention of supporting the State Association. But it was ironic that the other chapters were raising the same questions we raised a year earlier when we were considered "The Bastards".

At this point the Board instructed Publisher to get his house in order. Hopefully this can be achieved shortly and the State Association can proceed towards its goals.

One final note. The issues between Northern California and the Sate Association may never be totally resolved. The first and foremost responsibility of myself and your Board of Directors is to service the need of our Membership. We have worked towards these goals in the past and will continue to strive towards those goals in the future.

Mike

