

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

1992. The start of a New Year. That time when we make our New Years Resolutions and swear we're going to stick to them ...this time.

Many of you are in the same position I am, where our clubs ask us to write an article each month for their newsletter. Usually they contain information as to the status of the golf course, project update, troubled areas with possible solutions and an overall begging and pleading with our members to take care and respect the golf course. Realistically what happens is no one reads them. With this in mind I take each January issue and offer a list of resolutions. The membership is to pick three of them and try to keep them until the end of the day or February first whichever comes first. I thought I'd share some of these resolutions with you. See how many pertain to your golf course. I think you'll be surprised.

While I'm on the first tee, I'll make a point of telling my playing partners to stop and rub their hands over the letters on the sign "carts on paths only!" This is for those who need help understanding it you see, we've incorporated Braille into the letters.

2. While I'm standing on the first green preparing to putt, I'll be very careful not to touch the ballmark repair tool in my pocket after all, I've poked myself in the hand before.

3. When I'm standing on par three holes, I'll try to remember that the seed boxes are for repairing divots, not trash.

4. When my playing partner remark at how many divots are not replaced, I won't reply with "the birds flip them over looking for

worms." This would indicate that they had been replaced and, if I'm correct, I think birds fly a little farther south than #18 fairway for the winter.

5. After scraping my windows off in order to get here in the morning, I won't complain about the frost delay. Instead I'll share my agronomic secrets with my Superintendent since my lawn will be the only one in the Bay Area without frost.

6. I won't practice putting on my living room carpet, then come to the club and complain about our greens being too fast. Last time I did, someone showed up and topdressed my living room.

7. After being told carts are not allowed on fairways, I will not answer with the question, "I thought we could use the H-system now?" The response might be "what are you supposed to be using all season?:"

8. Before beginning my round I will read the blackboard outside the Pro Shop with the days conditions. This is important in order to justify the cost of chalk.

9. I will not hit balls down 18 fairway to warmup. I think somewhere on the property I saw a driving range.

10. I will not stand on our new benches with my golf spikes unless of course I plan to replace them.

These are only a few of the numerous resolutions I've come with over the years. I'm sure you can come up with several of your own. If you can use them feel free. If not appreciate the humor. For in this business of day to day uncertainty a sense of humor can go a long way-

Happy New Year,

Mike

NAUMANN'S NORCAL NEWS

Steve Good has left Napa Muni GC to become a sales and service representative for Filtomat...**Dan Nordell** has left Island Club at Bethel Island to become the supt. at Auburn Valley CC replacing **Mike Phillips**...**Steve Smith** has become the new supt. at Del Rio CC in Modesto. Steve was the supt. at Cherry Island GC in Sacramento...**Charles Pratt** has left California Club in South San Francisco to replace **Blake Swint** at Sequoyah CC in Oakland...**Dana Waldor** has left Meadowood CC in St. Helena to become the supt. at Hidden Valley Lake CC in Middletown. Dana is replacing **Robert Leas** who has moved on to become the supt. at Cold Springs CC in Placerville.

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