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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I would like to thank the following members for their fine performance as our chapter's team in the Dow Elanco California Trophy. Sam Singh, David Sexton, Mike Higuera, Mike Phillips and Roy Frederickson finished third at the State Meeting tournament held May 5th at Ojai Valley Inn. Their efforts resulted in a five hundred dollar contribution from Dow Elanco to our chapter's Scholarship and Research Fund. The Southern Cal and San Diego chapters won %1500 and %1000 for 1st and 2nd place. They posted some great scores! Next year the State Meeting will be hosted by the Sierra Nevada Chapter so we should have a legitimate shot at winning next year.

Scholarship and Research is a term which is always used as a catch all phrase for a lot of different things. I would like to summarize what our chapter's interpretation of Scholarship and Research is. To begin with we have two separate funds, one for each. Scholarship is generated from the fees collected from the five dollars charged to play golf at the meetings; two of which goes to Scholarship, three to prizes. The trade show associated with the Institute generates about 1/3 of the revenues as does golf. The final third comes from donations such as the drink cart, hosted by affiliates and other benefactors. This years funded amount is \$4500. Don Naumann and Joe Rodriguez are charged with awarding of scholarships.

Research is funded with \$4500, which is generated from the profits of the Institute. This amount would not go far if it were not for Dr. Harivandi and Dr. Hagan and the U.C. Extension Service. The money is being used to supplement the only viable turf research in our area, the turfgrass evaluation plots in Sunnyvale and the San Jose Field Station. I have a feeling with the state of finances in California there will not be many new research programs unless we help.

The ideal situation for Scholarship and Research would be to have enough money to conduct research beneficial to our industry. The Scholarship part of it would be to pay students to work on the research. There are more than a couple of superintendents who got their start working for Dr. Davis and Dr. Madison.

There seems to be some support among the Affiliates for a tournament to raise funds for such an endeavor. Some chapters raise as much as \$20,000 a year to support this kind of effort. If we are to generate this kind of support it will be a major undertaking. A goal worth achieving and much needed.

Speaking of Tournaments the upcoming Superintendent /Pro should be a good one. The US Open qualifying at Lake Merced proved it's ability to humble the best. Mr. Tonelli is not going to make it that tough for us; is he? If you haven't sent your entry in yet, please contact Mike Basile, there may still be some openings.

Last but not least, the affiliates have received a solicitation in the mail regarding advertising in our Newsletter. I have been asked by the editor to remind them that without their generous support many things we don would not be possible. Your ad in the newsletter helps to defray the costs associated with printing and mailing. It is a directed and specific way of reaching the membership with your product or service. Please give it some consideration.

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