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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I don't know about the rest of you, but it seems like this is the time of year when it sure gets busy. All those things I was going to get done with the irrigation system during the winter are back to haunt me again. In this line of business, one really appreciates a rainy winter day. You know, catch up on the paper work, clean up the files, the desk, the shop all those good things. Unfortunately it is the season of long days, short nights and lots to do. I wouldn't trade this job for anything else except a minus 2 handicap.

Speaking of things to do, our Association has a great schedule of events lined up for the year. Plan on taking some well earned time off and attend some of the upcoming meetings. The June meeting is an example of one not to miss. Breakfast at The Inn at Spanish Bay, followed by the second round action of the US Open at Pebble Beach and capped off by the hospitality tent sponsored by the GCSAA in the evening back at Spanish Bay. In July, we have the Superintendent/Pro Tournament at Lake Merced. The entry form, which requires a valid handicap to compete for prizes is enclosed in this newsletter.

Our May meeting was well attended and a good time was had by all. I would like to reiterate an announcement made at the meeting regarding California Fairways. Every member of the Association should be receiving a copy of this fine magazine. It is the official publication of the California Golf Course Superintendents Association of California. The state association needs money to become a viable organization and accomplish its goals. The more successful the magazine the more money it will receive. Here is the sales pitch-it won't cost you anything but a couple of minutes of your time. Open up the magazine, pull out the reader service card. Mark yes in the box which asks "Do you wish to continue to receive California Fairways" and send it in. This small action on your part will allow for a greatly reduced mailing rate for the publishers

and increased revenue for the State Association. Forgive me if I repeat this message in the future but we need our members cooperation regarding this matter.

I helped Tom Jackson score the golf results for the May meeting at Sonoma Golf Course and two things jumped out at me while looking at the score cards. First, Mr. Larry Norman's golf course is more than tough enough for the average golfer and second, there were a great number of participants without a valid handicap. If you are a member of our organization you have no excuse for not having a handicap. In the format played at Sonoma those without a handicap had no chance of winning, the same will apply to the Superintendent/Pro and all other events.

Our Association offers free handicapping for our members through the NCGA. Mike Basile and Ross Brownlie are in charge of Golf/Tournaments/Handicaps and we plan to do everything possible for our members to have a valid handicap in the upcoming year.

Now that you know who to bug about and Handicaps, I would like to present the rest of the lineup: Programs and Meeting Sites will be the responsibility of Brian Bagley and Randy Gai. Membership Chair will be Bob Cox. The Affiliate Representatives to the Board are Mike Ginelli and Chuck DalPozzo. Continuing as our Newsletter Editor and liaison with the California Fairways magazine, Jean LaDuc, and last but not least Barbara Mikel, our multi-talented Executive Secretary, the one who keeps us all on track.

The President will be in charge of complaints, compromises, compliments and cajoling the membership to do the right thing. I strongly urge all of you to take some time this year, attend the meetings, play some golf and smell the flowers along the way.

Rod



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