

JANUARY MEETING

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severely limited the amount of play he can get in.

Bill has been at Salinas Golf and Country Club for just over two years now. There are still a lot of projects to complete, but he and his crew keep chugging away one by one.

Bill has been a member of GCSANC for two years. He was elected to the board last April and serves on the programs committee. Bill is a member of GCSAA and became a certified Golf Course Superintendent in April.

RESOLUTIONS

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- 7. Occasionally invite a neighboring superintendent to your course for lunch or a game of golf. It is amazing how many good ideas are generated during casual get-togethers and the opportunity to "talk turf" with one of your colleagues.
- 8. Write an article for your association newsletter. Most newsletter editors

are always looking for original articles or a different perspective on a common problem. This is another good way to share information and give something back to your profession.

- 9. Volunteer to speak at a local school or civic group meeting about golf course management. It can be frightening to speak to a large group, but there are many people who love golf and would like to learn more about what you do as a golf course superintendent. Personal contacts such as this can make a positive impact on school children, politicians, and members of the community.

- 10. Make contact with your local legislator and offer yourself as a resource of information on issues pertaining to golf courses. Your input and professional expertise can have a positive influence on the laws and regulations that affect our industry. Most legislators would value having such a source of information in their district. The same holds true for local newspapers. They want to hear all sides of an issue. Make yourself available for quotes and rebuttals.

If you are like me, many of my new year's resolutions are out the window by February. But it is important to keep on trying. Even if I can

tackle two or three of my goals, I will have made significant progress. Happy New Year!

Watch Out For That First Step!

Both Jack Nicklaus and his opponent placed their drives on the edge of the 80-foot oceanside cliff at the eighth hole at Pebble Beach during the 1961 U.S. Amateur. The green was on the far side of the chasm, and the referee, Joseph Dey, could not tell who was away. He was about to toss a coin when, as he later told *Golf* magazine, Nicklaus made a suggestion: "Why don't you pace it off?"

NAUMANN'S NORCAL NEWS

Jed Noonkester has replaced **Ed Manry** as superintendent at Napa Muni Golf Course. Jed was the superintendent at Mace Meadows in Pioneer prior to his move. Ed has moved to the Eastern seaboard to do some golf construction work...**Ken Schwark**, Superintendent at Tony Lema Golf Center in San Leandro, and his wife Sarah are the proud parents of a new

daughter, Julia Fay...**Phil Brown** has accepted the superintendent position at Stockton Golf & Country Club. Phil was the superintendent at the Villages CC in Lompoc prior to his move. Phil is replacing longtime member **Charles "Bill" Fountain** who is retiring after being a superintendent for over 25 years, the last eight at Stockton CC.

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