

Presidents Message

By Jeff Shafer

THANK YOU!

One of the many special rewards of being involved in our association is to repeatedly watch person after person step up from behind the scenes.

Jo Harlow has been involved in publishing our newsletter for years. Jo recently notified us that she would be retiring from that duty to spend more time with her family. Jo, THANK YOU for your dedicated work and putting up with those missed superintendent deadlines! Once we were notified, Ken Williams and Bob Costa quickly organized a plan of action and the ball was handed off to Trish Hill of Hill Design. Without the many hours of meetings and calls, through the helpful eye and comments from Barb Mikel, this process would not have gone off so smoothly. While the last issue was delivered in mid-month, we hope that everyone likes the new format. Trish has many great ideas and with Ken's assistance we look forward to continuing to produce a newsletter that meets and exceeds your needs.



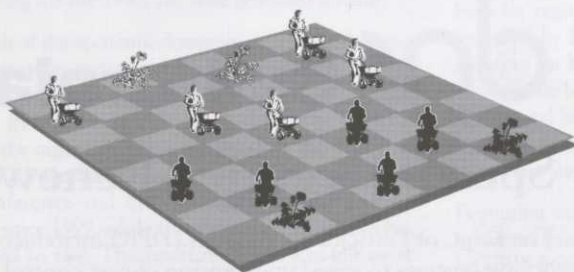
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The Course At Wente Vineyards

Our "Take Us Out To The Ballgame" had over 200 attendees and I want to thank every attendee for making this new idea a success right out of the blocks. We had close to 20 golf courses represented with Blake Swint bringing 34 people and Tim Sedgley making the trek down south from Winchester CC with 11 other staff members. All of this could not have been possible without my staff from Wente, P.J. Spellman and several others stepping up when I almost caught myself on fire while cooking! With a hour to spare, all were fed, the clean up had begun and everyone headed for the game. An A's win was a fitting conclusion to a great day. I want to say THANK YOU to all those that helped and to Clay Wood, Head Groundskeeper for the A's, for securing the tickets.

There are many other members that continue to write, call and speak in person on ways we can improve our organization. While this year is almost over, the current BOD looks forward to advancing what our previous associates have started. Please be part of this wonderful association and make your voice and actions heard and seen. THANK YOU!



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