

Presidents Message

By Jeff Shafer

Priorities

We are in the middle of the dog days of summer and I hope everyone is surviving, both professionally and personally. Please take the time to "get away" and spend quality time with those that mean the most to you. The stress of this profession can get to the best of us so please take whatever break you can to get away from it all.

Another way to get away is to be part of our "Take Us Out To The Ball Game" day on September 19th. Barring a baseball strike, we have a great day planned as the Oakland A's host the Anaheim Angels. Clay Wood, Head Groundskeeper, again has assisted us in keeping the cost down to a respectable \$16.00 per person. Great price for a BBQ lunch and great seats to the ball game. If anyone has not taken the opportunity to reward your staff, consider this cost-effective outing. I recently hosted our annual golf maintenance summer basketball gathering and I barely kept costs below this amount. We plan on utilizing our



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Employee Relations line item in the budget to afford this function, which still allows us to attend other association functions.

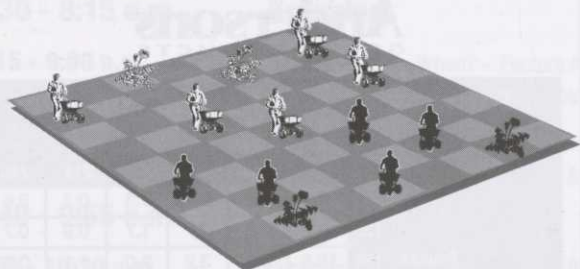
I would also like to thank those that attended and supported the Scholarship Tournament at Lake Merced. Lou Tonelli and staff delivered a first class presentation of their facility. Andy Slack and Gary Ingram, among others, continued to work hard throughout the event to make sure every detail was handled.

And you ask where I was? I asked my 12-year-old son if he could go anywhere this summer he wanted what would it be? He said Yankee Stadium so off we went, with a little Washington D.C included. What great father/son time we had! I will never forget it. It was probably the last time he will want to be seen with me until he is 18! Thanks to my dedicated Assistants Mike Souza and Tim Roche, along with my Service Manager John Cunningham, who all survived at the course.

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