

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Spring Valley Golf Course

Greetings everyone!

Spring is once again upon us and with its arrival comes a multitude of tasks such as aerification, broadleaf weed spraying and the constant sharpening of mowers to keep up with the topdressing sand that dulls them. It is a time that makes us go from being busy to being really busy! I imagine that a lot of you are either in the middle of or done with aerification or in the midst of some other spring practice. Regardless, I hope that everything is going well with your spring programs.

Speaking of programs; as you are all aware of the tough economic times that we are in, this is a great time to take a close look at all of your maintenance programs and find areas that can be tightened up to increase efficiency and save money. Many of you use the winter time to evaluate, repair, and perhaps replace equipment that is broken, neglected or just plain worn out. Why not take a second look at your fertility, spray, labor, and irrigation programs to see if anything is 'broken, neglected or just plain worn out.'

It appears that everyone is enjoying the new electronic version of the newsletter. The feedback that we have been getting has been very positive and encourages the newsletter team to strive to deliver relevant and timely content in each issue. Also, in case you

weren't aware, the ads that are in the newsletter are all linked to the advertiser's websites. Please take some time to visit their websites and support them, they are a very important part of our association.

The board of directors have been very busy putting together an exciting series of education and social events for you. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the annual superintendent/professional event at Orinda Country Club on May 18th. The host superintendent, Bob Lopic, is a past president of the association and is known to deliver an outstanding golf experience. We also have a golf outing at the beautifully maintained Cinnabar Hills Golf Course on June 15th. I am sure host superintendent Brian Boyer is looking forward to challenging us with his layout. Both of the events mentioned are Davey-Nor Cal cup events. The participation in this series has been very good and brings an element of friendly competition to the events. I look forward to seeing you there at both events.

Let us all hope for a prosperous and successful season! Play golf!

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