

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Bill Nigh, Pasatiempo GC, Santa Cruz

I'd like to quote from a letter written to me by Jack Baker. "It has been my observation at the few meetings attended this past year that the "commercial" or associate members almost, if not actually, outnumber the superintendents."

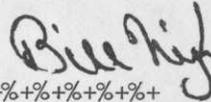
This is an interesting observation and one that I have also found true. At our last board meeting held at Valley Hi on May 12, we discussed this. I for one would like to see a bigger turnout from our Class A, B and D members, and so I urge each of you to attend every meeting you can--and bring a friend. Your board would welcome any suggestions on how we can make this a more active and supported Association.

On the subject of Pesticides-- A new publication from the University of California, Division of Agricultural Sciences is entitled "Pesticide Applicator Certification Training Materials - Study Packet."

This packet may be obtained by ordering from:

Pesticide Applicator Certification
Agricultural Sciences Publications
1422 South 10th Street
Richmond, CA 94804

Make check payable to the Regents of the University of California
Price \$5.00 including packing and shipping. California residents add sales tax.



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Sharon Heights was built on the old Sharon Heights estates. Designed by Jack Fleming. Sharon Heights was open for play in 1963, with a full membership of 400.

ROY KING says in 1948, after discharge from the navy, I began my golf course maintenance career, under the management of Golf Course Superintendent Bob Baldock, at Sunnyside Golf and Country Club in Fresno, California. In 1953 I left Sunnyside, and then was a Golf Course Construction Superintendent at Merced Golf and Country Club and Madera Golf and Country Club. In 1955 I went back to Fresno and was superintendent at Fort Washington Golf and Country Club. In 1958 I went to Salinas and was a Construction superintendent at Corral De Tierra Golf and Country Club and stayed as superintendent until 1964. Then, in the same year, I went to Carmel and built Carmel Valley Golf and Country Club. In 1968 I went to Sharon Heights Golf and Country Club. I have found Sharon Heights to be the most enjoyable Club since the beginning of my career. Sharon Heights is always a challenge, playing and managing.

Roy King has a large nursery of Emerald Bent grass. He will be available at 11:00 A.M. to tour the area with anyone who would like to look at it.

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At the annual meeting at Butte Creek Country Club several things were talked about by the members. The Board of Directors would like to have some input from the membership on the following items. We need your ideas and suggestions.

1. How do we increase attendance at our regular and annual meetings?
2. Annual golf tournament?
3. Old Timers Day?
4. Bringing in new members?
5. Program suggestions.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Understand that Stan Burgess at the Claremont Country Club is building a new maintenance facility. Norm Stewart at the Contra Costa Country Club has just completed a 25x60 combination fertilizer and equipment storage building. Bob Dalton at the Visalia Country Club has started on the fine sand top dressing program and says he likes it so far.

Tom Morrissey is now located at Wilcox Oaks Golf Course. His mailing address is Route 3, Box 3629, Red Bluff, CA 96080

Robert Shouse's new address is 57-101 W. Kuilima Loop, Apt 81C, Kahuku, Hawaii 96731

Norman Robinson, Chimney Rock, Napa passed his Class A exam.

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CLOSED TRANSFER AND MIXING SYSTEMS: This is a condensed version of a paper put out by the University of California, Cooperative Extension Suggestions for Closed Transfer and Mixing Systems for Small Volume Users. California regulations require that employees handle toxic liquid pesticides (carrying the single word "Danger") through a closed transfer and mixing system. Such a closed system, designed to protect workers, should meet the following requirements:

1. There should be no loss of the pesticide and maximum protection to the worker while transferring the chemicals from the shipping container to the sprayer or mixing tank.
2. There should be a way to measure the pesticide to insure proper dosage.
3. There must be a way to rinse the container and the transfer system so there is no contamination hazard.

Advantages of the use of a closed system could include: increased worker safety; use of uncomfortable protective clothing may no longer be necessary; complex medical supervision may be reduced to a simple initial baseline cholinesterase test; more accurate pesticide measurement.