

LA RINCONADA COUNTRY CLUB - by Bob Tipton, Golf Course Superintendent
La Rinconada Country Club, once a vineyard for the Puccionelli Winery, sits overlooking the valley from the westernfoothills to the Santa Cruz Mts. The golf course was dedicated by a small group of men in 1929.

Although the course was once studded with numerous oak trees it now consists mainly of eucalyptus and pine trees. Since 1970 an automatic sprinkler system and cart paths were added to benefit course maintenance.

Past Superintendents of La Rinconada have been Jim Ross, Vern Conklin, and of course, Aubrey Babson who contributed greatly toward the beautification of the course. Presently the club is intensively remodeling their club house and pro shop and we do hope this will not inconvenience our July meeting.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Robert E. Livesey, CGCS

When I joined the GCSANC a number of years ago, the furthest thing from my mind was being an officer in this organization. The fellowship, and being able to obtain information from other superintendents to help me along, was enough. Why should I put myself out to volunteer to help on committees, etc.? One afternoon I stopped in to visit with a fellow superintendent who happened to be trying to get a program set up for a meeting at his club. I made the remark that I thought the program was part of the job of the Board. After making that statement, I received a brief education on why the membership should get involved in helping their Board. The point was well taken. Since that time I have tried to help where I could and have found it very satisfying.

Being elected President has made me realize more than ever the role that this Association plays in helping the golf course superintendent. At our May meeting the Board and myself have set several goals we hope to attain with the help of all members. Several can be done with some effort by all

1. Increasing the attendance of superintendents at our monthly meeting.
2. Getting superintendents that are not members of the Chapter to become members.
3. Continue to improve on the quality of programs presented.
4. Insure that information concerning the golf course superintendent and his profession is disseminated.
5. Evaluate and assist the superintendent in gaining employment. These are but a few items that we have started work on.

I was pleased to see that a couple of members approached our program committee this past meeting with some suggestions. Thank you.