

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE DECEMBER 1988

As another holiday season is upon us, it seems appropriate to reflect and be thankful for this past year. Your Board of Directors continues to work diligently toward improving and making more valuable your membership in GCSANC.

Of special interest to old and new members alike is the fruition of an "Information Referral Service." As a no cost effort to fellow golf industry members, a formal program under the direction of Vice President Pete Bibber is now in place to make personal calls and offer advice on maintenance and management problems from the most qualified people in our association, Certified and Class A members. Please take advantage of this service, as it is an outreach of our association goals to foster camaraderie and extend help when needed.

Joe Rodriquez, CGCS, has sucessfully put together the first GCSANC scholarship program to help needy students in the horticulture industry. Through his diligent actions, Joe has initial foray of GCSANC into giving something back to the industry by means of helping potential golf

course superintendents pursue their education. We are exploring other community colleges for further advancement of this program, and if you have any preferences for such extension, contact Joe.

Mike Garvale, Membership Committee Chairman, received some favorable responses to the notice in the previous newsletter regarding a short pre-test seminar, for those interested in upgrading their membership classification. This is an ideal situation for those of you who have been waiting to take the examination, as Mike will provide a brief educational session with valuable information, and then administer the test. This will be done at a convenient location for all who participate, and with the pre-test session should make taking the exam much less stressful. You will not find a better situation to upgrade your membership, so do contact Mike soon.

From my family to yours, wishing you the best of Holiday Seasons . . . Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Paul Dias, CGCS
President