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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Well friends, this is it...my last President's Message. In each issue, I have tried to provide you with information as to what is going on in the industry, and also to cajole and provoke reactions. If the innuendoes have reached at least some of you, and it has helped you to be more creative, innovative, and risk taking, then the efforts have been worthwhile.

The past year has been most successful one for myself and the Board of Directors. As I hand over the gavel, I can look back on the hard work your Board and several committees have completed in order to make this a more viable organization for all of us. Many new programs became realities this past year: An Information Referral Service to provide information and assist those in need; The initiation of a Scholarship Program to foster help for needy students; The year-end SIGGA drawing, with several members winning travel vouchers to destinations of their choice; the partaking in a research program which will benefit each of us in the future; A Pre-study session for those members desiring to improve their membership status; Some well organized and timely meeting programs to help members deal with the drought; The fall GCSANC/ GCSAA two day seminar on golf course construction techniques--an outstanding success; An advanced registration system to streamline the growing monthly meetings; Improvements to text and content of our newsletter; The state magazine "Golden State Fairways" finally becoming a reality; Improved relations and communications with allied associations; And a Junior Golf Tournament, promoted by GCSANC, firmly in place. Your Board, and especially the many fine people who have served on the many committees, deserve all the credit. The ideas, brainstorming sessions, and long hours have been rewarded with the above programs, with yet more in the planning stages. Personally, I wish to thank each and every one of you who have helped to make it all happen.

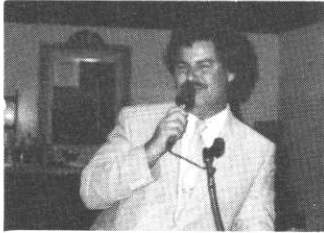
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What do all these actions mean to you, the member? It means that GCSANC is on the move! It means that you, the professional golf superintendent, will be reaping the benefits of recognition for your chosen profession. The interaction, the programs, and the exposure for us as an organization, will continue to enhance and make visible our image as true turf professionals. My favorite word "telesis", meaning "progress intelligently planned," fits well here. I encourage each of you to get involved, and to challenge this association to continue on toward realizing the potential of the future! We will all benefit immensely.

Thanks for the opportunity to be a part of all this...

Paul

PS: My first draft of this message of Pulitzer quality. . . unfortunately I had my first real experience with a computer freeze up, and thus lost all of it. What a way to finish!



NAUMANN'S NORCAL NEWS

Lalo Pacheco is the new Supt. at Franklin Canyon Golf Course in Rodeo. He has been elevated to that position from the Assistant Supt. position, which he has held for many years. Lalo is replacing **Sam Singh** who as a Regional Supt. for American Golf, has moved his office to Mountain Shadow Golf Course in Rhonert Park. His move in no way alters **Dave Smith's** position as Supt. at Mt. Shadows...**Al Mooser** has accepted the Golf Course Operations Manager position with the City of Manteca. Al was the Supt. at Plaza GC for the the City of Visalia prior to the move...**Leonard Theis** has left Ancil Hoffman Golf Course in Sacramento to become the Supt. of 27 holes for the City of Modesto. Within a year he will also oversee the construction of an 18 hole course in order to expand his responsibilities, **Rich Sizelove** has accepted the Supt. position at Ancil Hoffman Golf Course replacing Leonard Theis. Rich was the assistant there before his promotion...**Bob Sensemay** has left San Luis Country Club to become the new Supt. at Columbia Edgewater Golf Course in Oregon...**Joe Goldbronn** is the new Supt. at Cypress Lakes Golf Course at Travis AFB. He was the assistant at Green Valley Country Club prior to his move.

A LOOK AHEAD

- April 11 Palo Alto Golf Club
- May 1 Rossmoor Golf Course
- May 21, 22 Calif. State Annual Meeting
San Diego, CA
- June Discovery Bay
- July 24 Jr. Golf Tournament-SantaClara
Golf and Tennis Club
- July 27 Sharon Heights G&CC-Supt.-Pro
Tourney
- Aug.25 Salinas Fairways Golf Club

IN MEMORIAM

Ken Stohl, was a member since 1953. He was employed by Bay Rubber Company in Oakland and California Toro. In 1964 and 1965 he was the Superintendent at San Geronimo Valley Country Club in San Rafael. In 1966 he went to the City of Pacifica as Park Superintendent. In 1967 he worked at Orinda CC as the Superintendent until he retired in 1976. He received his 25 year pin in 1973 from GCSA of Northern California. He also took his examination for the Certified Golf Course Superintendent qualification from the GCSA of America in 1973 and passed. Mr. Stohl is survived by his wife Bernice, 160 Ardith Drive, Orinda, CA 94563.