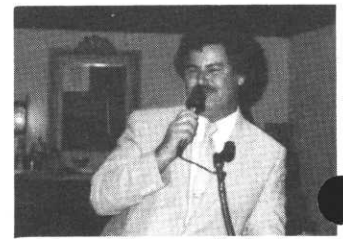




MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



Paul Dias

At the Crow Canyon meeting, I made several announcements regarding recent board actions. One item I would like to further expand on at this time is the fees paid for golf. As most of you remember, especially the winners of the SIGGA drawing, five dollars is collected for golf at the time of registration. Three dollars of the monies went into golf prizes, and the balance was put into a fund for the SIGGA drawing. After much consideration, the board of directors has decided to continue the golf charge at the same rate to accommodate the following functions: Three dollars will continue to be put into golf prizes, with an eye toward improving the awards, be it gift certificates, clothing items, golf items, etc. One dollar of the fee will henceforth be committed to our scholarship and research fund, and one dollar will be put into a fund for a year-end random drawing for all those who have played golf during the year. **Rod Kilcoyne, Sam Singh and Don Naumann**, who comprise the golf committee, will be working out a venue whereas the more times you play at the meetings, the more chances you will have to win. As in the past, separate categories will be assigned for superintendents and vendors, with an apportioned split of the total monies.

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Also, as I mentioned at the meeting, remember that GCSANC has a \$150 hole-in-one insurance fund for anyone making a hole-in-one during one of our meeting/golf outings.

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The By-Laws Committee, consisting of **Al Schlothauer, Pete Bibber, and Mike Garvale** are diligently working on some serious revisions to the by-laws. In many instances throughout the years, many members have fallen into grey areas of our by-laws, and have been prevented from professionally progressing within our association. It is hoped that with some major by-laws revisions, these and other areas which constantly arise due to the changing nature of golf course management titles and responsibilities, will be alleviated.

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Finally, if you have not received your membership card yet, it could be due to the fact that we have not received your dues. If that is the case, and your dues were not received by the January 30 deadline, a new application with necessary information will be necessary. If you are in doubt of your status, please call our office.

Hope to see everyone at the Conference and at Almaden CC Feb. 16, 1989.

Turfgrass Management for Professionals

Current techniques in the art and science of turfgrass management are the focus of this two-day course. It should be of special interest to golf course superintendents, park and recreation site managers, and other professional turf and landscape managers. The program covers water relations, irrigation and drainage management, management of high-traffic turf, fertilization, thatch and shade management, and pest control. Topics include:

- *turfgrass water use: recent findings
- *the water budget (ET) method for turfgrass irrigation scheduling
- *using the California Irrigation Management Information System (CIMIS) for efficient turfgrass irrigation
- *turfgrass management and drainage-principles and practices
- *soil amending to correct soil physical problems for turf
- *management of high traffic turf sites
- *turfgrass fertilization-principles and practices
- *use of slow-release fertilizer in intensely managed turfgrass
- *turfgrass thatch management
- *management of shaded turfgrass
- *control of low temperature turf diseases
- *control of high temperature turf diseases
- *outwitting rodents and other pests
- *national turfgrass research findings and outlook

TIME AND LOCATION

9 a.m.-4 p.m., Orchard Room, University Extension Central, Extension Center Drive, UC Davis. Wednesday & Thursday, March 15 & 16.

Fee, Credit and Enrollment Information: \$140 includes course materials and lunches. Approval for 2 continuing education credits from the Golf Course Superintendents of America has been requested. Approved for 4 hours of PCA credit. Enroll by March 8. To enroll by mail, write to University Extension, University of California, Davis, CA 95616. You may enroll by phone if you use Master Card or Visa. Call (800) 752-0880. For further information, call Dr. Ali Harivandi at (415) 670-5200.