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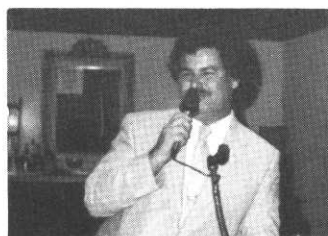
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Paul Dias

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Deadlines seem to really come up fast. I am writing this on the plane returning from the GCSAA Conference in Anaheim and, as such, I am trying to create another miracle by putting this together for our next newsletter deadline.

As always, the conference was filled with many outstanding educational opportunities. Topics ranging from Environmental and Regulatory Issues to basic Golf Course Management Techniques were presented in detail. The Public Golf Operations agendas as well as the presentations on contemporary soil and water issues were well attended. The USGA presentation also drew large crowds due to the informational program made available covering a wide spectrum of issues. All in all, another very good conference...attendance exceeded 15,000, which should be another record.

Congratulations are in order for several of our members...**Don Naumann**, an active member in GCSANC, walked off with the Affiliates Championship Trophy during the golf tournament; **Jim Ross**, from Santa Teresa GC, finished fourth in the Seniors division, and was also honored at the Annual Meeting with a 25 year pin presentation; **Ken Sakai**, CGCS at Sunnyvale Municipal Golf Course, ended a succession of very successful terms as Director of GCSAA. Over the past 3 years, Ken has represented GCSANC and the Western Region in an extremely professional manner. Ken was the 1988 Membership Chairman, and Vice Chairman of the Education and Certification Committees. During his terms on the GCSAA Board of Directors previously, Ken chaired the conference and Show Committee and Co-chaired the Industrial Relations Committee. Under his direction, the Golf Tournament grew from two golf courses and 270 players to four courses and over 480 players. He was also honored as one of two members at the Annual Meeting with a third level achievement of recruiting 25 new members during the past year. Our heartfelt thanks and congratulations to Ken for all his hard work and efforts on behalf of all Golf Course Superintendents.

On another front, **Ali Harivandi**, Extension Specialist for the Bay Area Counties, has been appointed as an "Educational Advisor" to the GCSANC Board of Directors. Ali has much expertise which he has shared with our members over the past several years, and through this appointment, more definite educational goals and objectives can be implemented, and continuity throughout the evolution of different Boards of Directors will be maintained. Look for enhanced meeting programs and an annual one day seminar with outstanding speakers from across the country as part of this new program. We welcome member participation on this committee, and if this interests you, please contact any board member.