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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I head into my last month as President, I would like to take a moment to reflect upon the accomplishments your Board of Director's and I have worked very closely on this past year.

The newsletter you are now reading, has gained a new logo and format and become more professional.

Our Research Program has continued this past year. Through the efforts of **Dr. Vic Gibeault** at U.C. Riverside, we will gain a new understanding of kikuyugrass, one of management and control. **Dr. Ali Harivandi** has several turf projects at the Deciduous Fruit Tree Station under evaluation. Also the new bentgrass plots sat Sunnyvale Municipal Golf Course with which we hope to show the nation new data on bentgrass.

Joe Rodriguez, CGCS, has put together and executed a viable scholarship program for deserving students. We hope in small way this will encourage local students to understand what a Golf Course Superintendent is and maybe pursue a turfgrass degree.

Over the last year, **Al Schlothauer, CGCS**, and his committee, have produced the By-Laws that you will be voting on and ratify at the Annual Meeting in April. I hope all of you have taken the time to read over your copy and come to the meeting.

This year has also been a time when we have changed the guard, so to speak. **Myrtle Wagoner** has retired as our secretary after 25 years of service.

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Al Schlothauer and his committee also put on a Junior Golf Better Ball Tournament at Santa Clara Golf and Tennis Club. It was well attended and had participants from as far away as Fairbanks, Alaska entered.

One of the biggest achievements this year was the Golf Course Superintendent's Institute. It was great to see this Educational endeavor started up again. **Jean LaDuc** and her committee did a great job putting together an excellent educational program. The response from the participants was better than we hoped for. Watch this newsletter for future dates for the next Institute.

Some great programs started by past president **Paul Dias, CGCS**, and continued this year are:

The Referral Service-this is a service provided to Superintendents by this Association at no charge. If you are having problems on your course, you can contact the office and a Class A Superintendent will make arrangements with you to come out and help you solve your dilemma.

Study Sessions-twice a year a study session is set up for members who wish to upgrade by testing. The Board of Director's has also made the offer of the membership to upgrade by meeting attendance. This was detailed in the March Newsletter.

GCSAA Seminar-we sponsor jointly with GCSAA for a regional seminar annually. This year the seminar is tentatively scheduled for November 28 and 29, 1990.

U.C. Job Forum-**Cliff Rourke** annually makes a trip to U.C. Davis in February to talk with U.C. Davis students about our Association and we are looking into participating in the U.C. Minority Job Faire next year.

Educational Advisor-**Dr. Ali Harivandi** had served this past year, and has agreed to serve in the future. We appreciate his expertise and the contributions he has made to us.

With all the accomplishments I have mentioned so far, now comes what you can do for **your** Association. There are many committees and functions, such as the Larry Lloyd Memorial Tournament (Christmas Party) or the Superintendent /Pro Tourney, **you** can volunteer to help on. Get involved, we can use all of you!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank

our Class F members. It is only with your continued support that events such as the Christmas Party, GCSAA and CGCSA meetings and "Thru the Green" newsletter are financially feasible.

Lastly, a big thank you to the Board of Director members. Thank you for giving of your time-to always being there when I needed you and for making my year as President a reality and a success.

Pete

ANNUAL MEETING SLATE OF CANDIDATES

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COME TO THE ANNUAL MEETING AND CAST YOUR VOTE!

NAUMANN'S NORCAL NEWS

Mike Leach former Supt. at Corral de Tierra CC has accepted the Supt. position at Brighton Crest GC in Friant. Replacing Mike at Corral de Tierra CC is **Grant Thompson** who was the Supt. at Kings CC in Hanford prior to his move . . . **Dave**

Wilber is the new Supt. at Lake Wildwood CC in Penn Valley. Dave left cold Colorado to come to sunny California . . . **Jack Archambault** has left North Star at Tahoe GC and has assumed another job and career in Annapolis Md. Replacing him was the Asst. Supt. **Kevin Ely**. Kevin was the assistant prior to his promotion and prior to that the Supt. at Carmel Valley CC. . . **Al Rafalski** has accepted the Supt. position at Shoreline Golf Links replacing **Dave Vaught** who has now started his own corporation in the Landscape and Maintenance profession. Al was the Assistant prior to his promotion. . . **Mike Nauroth** is the new Supt. at Mt. Shadows GC in Rohnert Park. Mike was the Supt. at Incline Village prior to his exodus from the snow. . . **Mike Hair** is the new Director of Golf at Incline Village GC. He is presently looking for a Supt. to manage the golf courses . . . **J.D. Chastain** left Black Hawk CC to be the Construction Supt. at Silver Creek GC in San Jose . . . The golf in Orlando was fantastic and the weather was great. From Northern California we were fortunate enough to have a few winners. Included in the list of winners are **Corey Eastwood** (first senior division), **Ed Stocke**, **Howard Fisher**, **Ross Brownlie** (third gross division), **Scott Lewis**, **James Husting** and **Don Naumann**.

HELP WANTED

Kings Country Club near the community of Hanford, located 35 miles south of Fresno, two hours from the coast and two hours from the Sierras, is seeking a golf course Superintendent. This private 18 hole country club covers 100 acres and has 425 members, is seeking a Supt. prepared to step into a busy position with ongoing course improvement, including the current five year capital equipment replacement and addition program, and significant budget increases for chemicals, etc. Applicants should be familiar with weather conditions in Central California and budget development experience is preferred. PCA, QAC, and valid California drivers license are required.

Course irrigation is provided by automatic sprinklers on the front nine and quick coupling on the back nine. Superintendent will supervise a crew of approximately ten and will report to the Greens Committee.

This is a twelve month a year position, with a benefit package available.