

# THRU THE GREEN

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Every year at this time we seem to get caught up in the holiday spirit. Our attention shifts from fighting our membership to fighting the crowds in the stores. Instead of worrying about keeping our grass alive we now wonder if we'll make it in home in one piece. Somehow we seem to overlook what the true meaning of the holiday season is all about.

If we take a few minutes, I think you'd agree, we have a lot to be thankful for. We're members of a growing profession of professionals. Perhaps a more appropriate word would be artists. What other profession allows us to use our vast talents, creativity and imagination to literally paint a picture. I guess an architect would experience somewhat of the same feelings. Seeing a structure from a blueprint they drew. But architects deal in absolutes. Concrete and steel changes very little over the course of a buildings life. The golf Course Superintendent on the other hand deals with a living organism. Nurtured through

its infancy, it becomes subjected to all the abuses from man and mother nature. And yet through our talents and dedication it survives.

We're also members of a growing and prosperous Association. One that has become so through tireless efforts of not only its superintendents but also its affiliates. As I stated before no Association can survive without their efforts. Their generosity and support has afforded us the ability to branch out into new areas whereby our growth and strength benefits our membership as a whole.

These are things which are often taken for granted, but should never be forgotten when we are giving thanks for what we have or what we are.

On behalf of your Board of Directors and myself we'd like to wish you a happy and holiday season and the coming of a prosperous New Year.

Mike

## TO ALL FRIENDS IN THE GCSANC FAMILY...

A belated and heart-felt thank you for your incredible outpouring of notes and calls of sympathy since the recent firestorm, at which I lost my house. Generic "thank you's" don't seem adequate, but so many of you expressed so much affection, and my life is so hectic right now, that I am resorting to one in spite of my finer responsibilities. One of the very positive lessons I have learned from the fire is that the creeping cynicism about human nature that I, at least, was prone to, was unjustified. I am

extremely grateful to be part of the GCSANC community. You have proven what I always knew: it is the people, not the things, around one that really counts. Many thanks for your thoughtfulness.

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