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PRESIDENTS

The past year for me has been a busy and fulfilling experience. As I head for my last month as President of our Association, I just want to say that it has been an honor to serve our membership and I appreciate all the support I have received.

We have initiated some changes during the past year, starting with the vote on the dues increase and the bylaw revisions. These two items have contributed to putting our association not only in a more solvent position, but more perceptive to our members needs. The latter is very important because our members are our biggest asset.

Other programs initiated previously are still viable and continue on. These would include, The Referral Service provided to our members at no charge. If you are having problems at your course you can contact our office and arrangements will be made for consultation or a visit by either one or two of your peers.

The Annual Golf Course Superintendents Institute was a great success at Mountain Springs Golf Course and planning is in progress for the next institute to be held November 6,7,8 at the Doubletree Hotel in Santa Rosa with golf at Fountain Grove Golf Course. Jean LaDuc and Dr. Ali Harivandi are co-chairman for the annual institute and deserve a great deal of credit for its success. Dr. Harivandi has again agreed to serve as Educational advisor to our group. His expertise is well appreciated and I would like to publicly thank him.

Peter Galea, CGCS, Membership Chairman conducted study sessions for members wishing to upgrade their classification as well as handling the growing number of membership applications.

Cliff Rourke from Riverside Golf Course again volunteered his time and knowledge to participate in the annual job fair held at U.C. Davis where he talked to students about turf management and our association. Thanks, Cliff.

MESSAGE

The Superintendent/Pro Tournament held at Palo Alto Hills Country Club and hosted by Mike Garvale, CGCS was again a popular event, even if it did rain. Can you do it again Mike? Make it rain, not the tournament.

Steve Good, Tournament Chairman can be blamed for setting most tournaments for our meetings. His biggest claim to fame and well deserved was the annual Christmas Party at Rancho Canada. It was great. He was ably assisted by Brian Bagley, who is in charge of this event for 1991. You guys did a great job.

The GCSANC also continues to support Scholarship Programs at Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill, Foothill/DeAnza in Los Altos Hills and Solano Community College in Suisun. I have been administering this program since its inception.

Rodney Kilcoyne, Program Chairman and Secretary Treasurer has done very well in both positions. He has not only been able to schedule our meetings at diverse locations, but has come up with meaningful programs.

This past year was also the time we bid farewell to Myrtle Wagoner, who has been so important to our group. I know that I am grateful for all the help and support I received from both Myrtle and Cliff. So, thank you both and good luck on all your trips.

Barbara Mikel was hired to fill the Executive Secretary position and can be found at the San Jose Office. The Association phone number is 408-865-0360.

I would also like to recognize our affiliate members who have been so supportive all year. Their generosity and support for many of our special events have contributed to the success of these ventures and you deserve a big thank you. Amongst these supporters are Thomas Jackson and Don Naumann who served on the Board of Directors in an advisory capacity.

OUR HOST AND HIS COURSE FOR APRIL

Finally, I would like to mention my appreciation to the members who served on the various committees and let them know their involvement was for the good of the Association. They should serve as an example to the rest of our membership. Get involved, run for office, get on a committee, just do something.

Finally, again, your Board of Directors this past year deserves a lot of credit for being a diligent, conscientious and very active board. It takes a lot of extra hours to run a growing organization like ours and they were always there to serve and get the job done. So, thank you, for making my year as President a memorable one that I will always look back upon with fond memories.

Joseph A. Rodriguez, CGCS

Joseph Rodriguez, CGCS, started his Horticultural career in Antioch, California in 1959.

In 1969, he went to work for Contra Costa County in the Landscape Division. He progressed to the Chief Gardener position, where he was in charge of all landscaped and turf areas within the County's jurisdiction.

While with Contra Costa County, Joe graduated from Diablo Valley College with a degree in Ornamental Horticulture. He also attended Los Medanos College for two years, and possesses a state Contractor's License for landscaping.

In 1986, Joe graduated from Saint Mary's College with a Bachelor's Degree in management.

He has been the Superintendent at the Rossmoor Golf Courses since 1978.

Rossmoor is a planned adult community that was first opened in 1964. Presently there is a population of approximately 8,500 residents, whose age averages 75.5 years. The community has many advantages. Among them is a medical clinic and the Rossmoor security force.

The maintenance and management of the Rossmoor community is administered by the Golden Rain Foundation.

The Rossmoor Golf Course consist of the 18 hole South Course and the 9 hole North Course, and are private courses.

In 1975, a new 9 holes was designed by Robert Muir Graves, and put into play. The new 9 was worked into the old 9 for 18 holes. So, we have a combination of new and old on the South, and the North is the original front nine.

The South Course is rated at 67 from the white tees, and the course lenth is 5,798 yards. The cart paths extend from tee to green, and carts are restricted to the paths. There is also no rough. This is to facilitate play because of the age factor. We mow approximately 175 acres of fairway twice weekly.

In the past two years, we have averaged 98,000 rounds of play per year.

The Golf Pro at Rossmoor is Norm Oliver, with whom we have a very cooperative working relationship.



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LOOK AHEAD

March 28

Joint Meeting with USGA, NCGA
Castlewood CC

April 8

GCSANC Annual Meeting, Rossmoor

May 2

Oakhurst CC, Clayton

June 21

Sonoma National

July 15

Supt./Pro Tournament, San Francisco
Golf Club

August 22

Oakland A's Baseball Game, Oakland
Coliseum

September 19

Richmond CC

October 10

Bodega Harbour GC

NAUMANN'S NORCAL NEWS

Bob Cox has left Pittsburg G& CC to become the Supt. at Canyon Lakes CC in San Ramon. Replacing him at Pittsburg G& CC is **Ed Watson** (former Supt. at Boundary Oak GC in Walnut Creek). Pittsburg G & CC is now being run by the City of Pittsburg, who is taking over from the leasee....**Ed Thiele** is the new Supt. at Sky Valley CC in Vallejo. Sky Valley is a new development designed by Arnold Palmer Designs and being installed by Golf Course Consultants....**Joe Blaker** is the new Supt. at Tahoe Donner GC in Truckee.