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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The annual meeting of the GCSAA in Anaheim will be one of the most important events in the history of the National organization. The outcome of the voting by the membership will determine the future of the GCSAA. I urge all of our members to give a great deal of thought to the proposed bylaw changes. The current method of chapter and state voting will determine the outcome of the voting process. As chapter president and the voting delegate responsible for our combined vote I need your input. I have my own thoughts on how the ballots should be cast. I am prepared to present my views to those who are interested. But my job will be to cast a ballot that is representative of our membership. It will be split if necessary.

To facilitate input from the membership, the January meeting held at Crow Canyon on the 18th will be devoted to this topic. Those of you who feel strongly either pro or con are encouraged to attend and be prepared to present your opinion.

Time for some reminders. Participants in the GCSAA Tournament are reminded to consider representing our chapter in the National competition. If you are interested, please contact Mike Garvale.

The GCSA of Northern California does offer free consultation by two Certified Golf Course Superintendents for those in need of the service. Sometimes the advice of a "visiting expert" can help you convince your greens chairman that you soil greens or ancient equipment really do need replacement.

The California Fairways Magazine has proved to be a very valuable asset to the State Chapter. Revenues received from the magazine are providing a much needed source of funding. A great deal of the profitability of the magazine is dependent upon reducing the cost of postage.

If you haven't filled out the reader service card and sent it in please do so. It will only take a minute and the postage is paid. Your response is vital to the continued success of our magazine.

The Golf Course Superintendents Institute at Asilomar was well attended and enjoyed by the participants. My special thanks to Dr. Ali Harivandi and Brian Bagely for making it a special three days. I would also like to thank the commercial sponsors for their participation. Profits generated from the Institute are instrumental to our continued support of research which is carried on in Northern California. Once again thanks to all involved.

I hope you decided to join us at the Doubletree Hotel for our Annual Christmas Party and Larry Lloyd Memorial Tournament. Mr. and Mrs. Claus took time out of their busy Holiday Schedule to stop by with special gifts and as always were a big hit.

Wishing all of you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Rainy New Year.

Rod

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