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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to begin my initial President's Message by stating I welcome the challenge and accept the responsibility of the position of GCSANC President. I have grown quite fond of our association; it has certainly helped to enhance my development as a golf course superintendent. I want to return my efforts to this association in the hopes it will continue to flourish.

Realizing the tremendous efforts put forth by our Past President, Brian Bagley, I can only hope to continue the dedicated leadership of a hardworking Board of Directors. On behalf of GCSANC, I would like to extend to Brian and the Board of Directors a most sincere "Thank You" for a job well done.

The accomplishments over the past year have been numerous, none to be surpassed by the reorganization of the newsletter. This board under diligent leadership never had a problem focusing on its intended goal and carrying it out to fruition. I hope to lead by delegating responsibilities, yet following those directives until the task is accomplished.

This is an association of individual members joining together to help improve the game of golf, specifically in the art of turfgrass maintenance. We joined this association to learn some of these finer techniques and to mingle with our peers as a means of gaining and passing on valu-

able information pertinent to our jobs. We have all learned from this association, be it a little or a lot. The point I want to make is: we have all benefitted from our organization and we should each, at some point, consider giving something back to it. This can be done in many ways: running for the Board, participating on a committee, hosting a meeting, or even writing a newsletter article. Many of us are "on the fence," so to speak, as to whether to become active. I urge you to take a stand and make a commitment to your association. Please feel free to call me and I will be happy to discuss the possibilities with you. I know there are vast numbers of talented individuals out there who could be a valuable asset. Let me complete this thought by saying: If you don't call me, I'll be calling *you*.

GCSANC calendar of events for the forthcoming year promises to be very exciting -- beginning with the state meeting May 15 & 16 at the Royal Scandinavian Inn in Solvang. The Central Chapter, as our hosts this year, have presented a very interesting education program which I urge you to attend. Mix with our counterparts from throughout the state and play in the golf tournament and help GCSANC defend the trophy. Our next local meeting will be on June 20th at Castlewood CC. We will conduct our Scholar-

ship/Research Tournament with proceeds going to support those necessary programs. I know the track will be razor sharp for our visit, so put it on your calendar.

Early next year, GCSAA's International Conference will descend upon us and I suggest you begin to make your plans early. This will be a great opportunity to bring your staff along to see an unbelievable trade show. In the upcoming months, this newsletter will relay pertinent information and requests for assistance as needed, and you...yes YOU...can help.

My telephone anxiously awaits your call regarding anything you wish to talk about. God bless.

See you on the tee,

Randy Gai
President

John Deere Regional Qualifier

John Deere's Regional Qualifying Golf tournament will be held June 13 at the Bayonet Course, Fort Ord.

Registration 10:00am. Lunch will be provided and awards will be presented at the end of the tournament. For further information, contact Clair Walker at 800/987-0102 or 209/983-0100.