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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Oh! How we love the days of fall! The beautiful colors on those wonderful trees, the cool crisp air, the shorter days and longer nights, the ideal turfgrass growing conditions. Soon after completing that fall aeration we will be able to reclaim our putting greens from the clutches of those summertime problems.

However, what's ahead involves stocking the chemical shed with fungicides to combat the cool season pests. I suppose we do deserve a pat on the back for coping with the problems handed out by Mother Nature while still presenting our golfers with

quality playing turf. The part that amazes me is we continue to come back year after year to many of the same problems. I presume it's the overall beauty which continues to lure us. "Ah, the humanity of it all!"

The board of directors is looking at having a spouse shopping trip the day of the golf tournament at this year's Christmas Party. The plan being developed is to visit a few wholesale only (not open to the general public) stores by bus at a cost of about \$25. The time is ideal as it will be about 3 weeks to Christmas. I would appreciate some input from the members as to whether we should pursue

this.

Also related to the spouses, GCSSA is requesting assistance from spouses the three days of the spouse program during the conference in San Francisco next year. They require two spouses be available before the program begins each day to assist in the smooth operation and possibly answer some questions. We have been advised a possible economic consideration may be available to those volunteering their time. Please call me if your spouse may be interested.

See you on the tee,
Randy Gai
President

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bentgrass, the tees are overseeded 3 times/year with perennial rye, and the fairways and rough twice, also with perennial rye. This overseeding program in combination without aerification, fertilization and improved irrigation management has resulted in a noticeable improvement in quality throughout the course.

Recent projects on the course include extensive Cambridge Drainage work which was installed on #6, #17, and #18 fairways, a brand new state-of-the-art Driving Range Facility, and a major tree removal and planting program. We're excited about the changes being made to the golf course and are looking forward to some upcoming projects: #1 tee reconstruction, practice green reconstruction, and the maintenance building and yard expansion.

The Superintendent: I was born and raised in Corvallis, Oregon where I was, and still am, very involved in sports. In high school I played

football, basketball and was a four-year letterman in golf. My dad introduced me to the game of golf when I was about 7 years old. I used to caddy for him as a kid and can remember thinking that all that work I did seemed worth more than the four measly bucks I received! But I learned a love of the game, and for that I'll be forever grateful.

I went to college at Oregon State University where I received a bachelor of science degree in Horticulture in 1988. I was in the turfgrass management program at OSU which was instructed by Tom Cook, who is highly regarded for his professional knowledge of turfgrass management in the Northwest.

My first job on a golf course maintenance crews was in 1984 at Corvallis Country Club. After graduation in '88, I worked at Spyglass Hill Golf Course for about a year. In 1990 I landed the Assistant Superintendent position at Marin Country Club where I worked for three

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