

had the privilege of representing our chapter along with 67 other chapter delegates at the Chapter Relations Meeting a few weeks at GCSAA headquarters.

We were welcomed by President Joe Baidy, CGCS. He presented nine major issues that the GCSAA is currently involved with, ranging from GolfAsia to the selling of sponsorships for

3) increasing member involvement.

The first two items are well under way, or somewhat complete, and much has been written about these items. This meeting was partially in response to the third item. There are now about 200 members serving on GCSAA committees. There will probably be three new standing committees formed following

the two days assessing a list of 23 current problems that the chapter relations planning committee formulated. Items such as chapter volunteers, leadership continuity, non-member access to GCSAA information, chapter affiliation agreements (I bet you never knew we had a formal agreement with GCSAA), low GCSAA membership within the chapters, and many other items were discussed.

Two final items that I took away from the meeting:

1) Expect a survey in the mail very soon dealing with many of the services that GCSAA offers. Please fill it out ASAP and return it. The Board of Directors will be holding a strategic planning meeting in early December. **Your input is strongly requested.**

2) If you are not a GCSAA member, please consider it. The benefits are enormous and the educational opportunities are too important to pass up. Remember, the actions of each and every superintendent, member or not, reflect upon our entire industry. Can you afford not to have the resources of GCSAA behind you?

the next board meeting.

Mona spoke of a new commitment from the entire staff dedicated to member and chapter services. If you have a need or request, the staff will do their best to accommodate. If you have any problems that are not being met, Steve Mona's direct personal phone number is 913/832-4401. He wants to know of any problems!

The group spent most of

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years. The superintendent position at DeLaveaga was offered to me in June, 1992.

I have been allowed to manage the course at DeLaveaga the way I see fit and have received tremendous support from the Head Professional, Gary Loustalot, and upper management.

In addition to my membership in GCSANC, I am also a member of GCSAA, OGCSA (Oregon), CAPCA, and PAPA.

I am single (still looking for Ms. Right!). I love to play golf, basketball, and tennis, and I enjoy going to sporting events or relaxing at the Santa Cruz beaches. I'm an active member of the DeLaveaga Men's Club and participate in many of the tournament events held throughout the year.

I enjoy my work as a superintendent very much and am pleased to be a member of GCSANC. I've met some great people and look forward to someday holding office in the association.

The staff at DeLaveaga is looking forward to hosting the Institute in November and we hope to see all the members there for a challenging round of golf!

GCSAA Chapter Relations Meeting

by Rich Lavine, CGCS

GCSAA events. Not all the issues were positive, but he presented the facts, and stood by them.

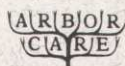
Steve Mona, CAE, our new CEO, spoke of the new board and staff mandates:

- 1) getting our house in order;
- 2) restoring broken relationships with allied associations, and;

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