

## GCSAA UPDATE

Guest speaker at our recent CGCSA Meeting in San Diego was GCSAA President Gary Grigg, CGCS. He outlined very briefly some Board actions that were taken at the pre and post conference meeting, as well as the recent early May Board Meeting.

• The Board of Directors and staff, seeing that the original three mandates (getting house in order, restoring broken relationships, and increasing member involvement) were satisfied, developed an additional three mandates that they will use to drive the Association for the next three to five years. The mandates are: 1. Enhance the image of the Golf

Course Superintendent's profession. 2. Communicate the positive impact of golf on the environment. 3. Work with the chapters to serve the members. Along with the initial three mandates that tell the Association how to function, these new mandates will provide the association with a more defined direction and purpose.

• "Par For the Course" was renewed for 32 more episodes for one more year. ESPN wanted 52 more episodes but the GCSAA opted for 32, and will work at achieving a better time slot, especially on the West Coast.

• The GCSAA has entered into a partnership with the EPA, FDA, and the USDA in

a program called the 'Environmental Steward Program.'

• GCSAA and the Chapter Relations Department will be providing us with "image building materials" to help us in our quest for recognition within the golfing community.

• The GCSAA will start an "Affiliate Chapter Logo Merchandise Program" that will allow us to provide GCSANC logo merchandise to you at very reasonable prices.

• The GCSAA has completely changed the CGCS attesting form and will be working through the local chapters to provide attesting for new CGCS candidates. Attestors will receive a .5 CEU's for their efforts.

• The GCSAA has started the Chapter Cooperative Research Program. The GCSAA will provide matching funds up to \$10,000 (per year up to three years) for approved local research.

• The GCSAA Foundation will be increasing the life insurance for GCSAA members up to \$10,000.

• Lou Holtz has been named as the opening session keynote speaker for GCSAA's 67th International Golf Course Conference and Show in Orlando, Florida next February.

Look for details of all these items in upcoming issues of "Golf Course Management" and "Newline".

## Grass Carp Update

By Bob Costa

Senate Bill SB 157, which would have legalized the use of sterile Grass Carp in controlled waterways, has suffered a serious blow. The bill, authored by Senator Kelley, was presented before the Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee in April. After two re-writes, a modified version of the original bill was approved, limiting the use of sterile Grass Carp to Imperial and Riverside Counties. The bill, in its present form, must now go before the Senate Appropriations Committee before being voted on by the

Senate and Assembly. Jim Husting, who spearheaded the effort on behalf of the CGCSA stated that opposition from the Pacific Coast Fisherman's Association was just too strong. The fear on behalf of the Association was that non-sterile fish may escape into unconfined waterways, and because of the Grass Carp's voracious appetite, destroy commercial fish habitat. It appears unlikely that Grass Carp will attain widespread legal status in California in the near future, eliminating what would have been a biological alternative to aquatic weed

management for golf course superintendents and other managers of aquatic environments.

Recognizing the problems aquatic environments pose in golf course settings, a comprehensive look at lake management will be the primary topic of the 1995 Golf Course Superintendents Institute. Stay tuned for more details.

*Editor's Note:*

*We owe a debt of gratitude to Pete Bowman, CGCS; Jim Husting, CGCS; and Bob Tillema, CGCS for their efforts on our behalf. I think we all learned a lesson in politics from the pros. This will help in our future efforts, and there will be future efforts.*

