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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 1995 GCSAA Conference and Show has just concluded, and I sincerely hope your many expectations have been met. I know personally it can be frustrating wanting to attend two to three different presentations which are unfortunately being run concurrently. To this I suggest you might pick up a copy of the conference proceedings, it is not quite the same as being in the audience, but it can be good reference material.

Some highlights I enjoyed were: attending the opening session to

witness Dr. Harivandi being presented the Distinguished Service Award, the Equipment Show and seeing the first electric mower. "Oh Boy! No more hydraulic leaks!" — or "You mean I can now mow the greens at 2:00 A.M. to beat those first few foursomes on the course carrying those halogen spotlights?" The Educational Seminars as usual were first class. The USGA Presentation was exceptional with it's innovative "Turf Tips of 1995". And as I do every year, see some of the old faces and renew the

acquaintances. Congratulations to GCSAA for another very successful conference.

My tenure as President will be concluding in about one month and I would like to take the opportunity to tell you it really has not been excessively taxing on me. If you asked my wife she may express a different sentiment, but I believe being president has encouraged me to be a more efficient manager, to which I will always be thankful. You know one never really realizes the potential by which one lives until the heat is turned up a little,

then the results can be amazing. I throw this out to you in hopes of stimulating those of you questioning the potential time needed to serve on the Board of Directors.

One of my final responsibilities as past president (I know I'm getting a bit ahead of myself) will be to chair the nominating committee (1996). I would like to put you on notice now to be expecting my call early in search of candidates to fill the 1996 slate. If I can participate, anyone can.

See you on the tee,
Randy Gai
President

GRASS CARP SPECIAL NOTICE

A letter writing campaign will be underway by the California Golf Course Superintendents Association. Legislators will be taking another look at these fish on March 14th in Sacramento. Please do your share to help this effort. Information including form letter's and pre-stamped envelopes will be reaching your mail box soon.

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