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## From The President

It's hard to believe that the end of the year is fast approaching. Seems like only yesterday we were all working at a frantic pace for that big club tournament, ladies guest day or all the other high priority requests we get on an everyday basis. We can all wind down a little during this time of year and just catch our breath. I feel it's really important just to do that. Take some time, review what has transpired in the past year and congratulate yourself for making it through another year. Especially this past year which was agronomically tough throughout the west coast. I had problems on my greens this past July that I had never encountered in eighteen years here. Crabgrass was also present in areas where I have never had a problem before. So sit back, relax, learn from the past year and attend and participate in your local chapter meetings.

The Christmas Tournament and Dinner is on December 6th. If you haven't registered yet, maybe it's not too late. Give Barbara a call.

This year golf and dinner will be at Rancho Cañada with Tim Greenwald, Superintendent as our host. This annual event is a wonderful opportunity for all of our member including Superintendents, Associates, Affiliates, etc. to get together, play golf, relax and just have a good time. It is also appropriate at this event to acknowledge our Affiliate members who have been so supportive in the past and will continue to be. This support is greatly appreciated and we thank you for your generosity.

Talking about Christmas and the holidays, I would like to convey a brief but meaningful message. I would like to sincerely wish each and every member of our Association and their families a very special holiday season.

Joseph Rodriguez, CGCS  
President



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GCSANC President 1996-1997

## Did You Know?

City use of pesticides will be banned in San Francisco by the year 2000, under a new ordinance passed unanimously by the city's Board of Supervisors. The ordinance also creates posting requirements and establishes Integrated Pest Management programs.

## Quick Quotes

*"I don't want any yes-men around me. I want everybody to tell me the truth even if it costs them their job."*

— Samuel Goldwyn —

## Office Notes

By: Barbara Mikel

We had a delay with our supplier this year and as of this writing I am still awaiting cards. Hopefully, by the time you are reading this, I will have mailed the renewed member cards. Be assured you will get them!! Hope you like the changes. I would like to thank all of you responding so quickly and accurately. I have a few checks sent to me without renewal questionnaires. I will continue to notify those individuals we need those questionnaires. The end of the month is the last date to renew without penalty. Twenty dollars penalty is the going rate, so get busy and get those renewals to the office.

I am still collecting ideas for the 65th Anniversary year of GCSANC. I have been exploring the idea of a special 65th Anniversary issue of the Directory with pictures, contemporary products, equipment pictures in use. I will need help! Any volunteers? I don't know how many of you realize I have in my office records going back to 1932. Well organized and surprisingly complete. There are some pretty interesting pictures of current members in their "younger" years. If you are curious and in my neighborhood, stop by. Or if you are coming to a meeting, give me a call and I can bring some with me.