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From The President

Superintendent, Pete Bowman, CGCS and the staff at Diablo Grande did a wonderful job of hosting the Annual Scholarship Research and Education meeting. Two of the adjectives that come to mind when trying to describe the course are **spectacular** and to me **overwhelming**. It was a great day for golf and the Scholarship Fund. The Association is also grateful to all the tee sponsors who were so generous in supporting this tournament. Credit is also due Mike Ligon from H.V. Carter and John Holmquist, Automatic Rain, for getting it all organized.

By now all the members should have received their new membership directory for 1996-1997. Please check if your information is correct. Every effort has been made to furnish up to date and accurate information. However, if the members don't officially inform the office of occupational and employment changes it cannot be input. This is your responsibility.

Included with the Directory was a Scholarship application and information. Please share it with your crew members. The Scholarship Committee Chairman, Gary Carls, is working to target individuals specifically in the golf industry.

I have had a couple of comments regarding my President's Messages. The opinions expressed were, I was preaching and trying to tell members how to dress and act. Maybe I was. If I offended you, I apologize, but that doesn't mean I won't say something again if it needs to be said.

I have asked Robert Costa, Newsletter Editor, to print the GCSANC Code of Ethics in this Newsletter. Ask yourself this question. When was the last time I took the time to read the Code of Ethics? Here I go preaching again, anyway, please read it. My favorite is number seven. It says it all.

See you at the next meeting.

Joseph Rodriguez, CGCS
President

Office Notes

By: Barbara Mikel

Due to the overwhelming response to the San Juan Oaks meeting and the necessity of limited play, I would like to review the Association's guidelines for meeting reservations, guests, and payment.

Each meeting notice includes a deadline cancellation date and time. Don't expect a refund if you cancel your reservations after that date and/or time. The Board of Directors is historically unsympathetic to any deviation on this matter.



Barbara Mikel, Executive Secretary and Robert Costa, CGCS, Program Chair enjoy San Juan Oaks meeting.

We send out meeting notices with directions, prices, schedules and a return envelope. I would prefer receiving your reservation on the meeting notice form with payment by the deadline date.

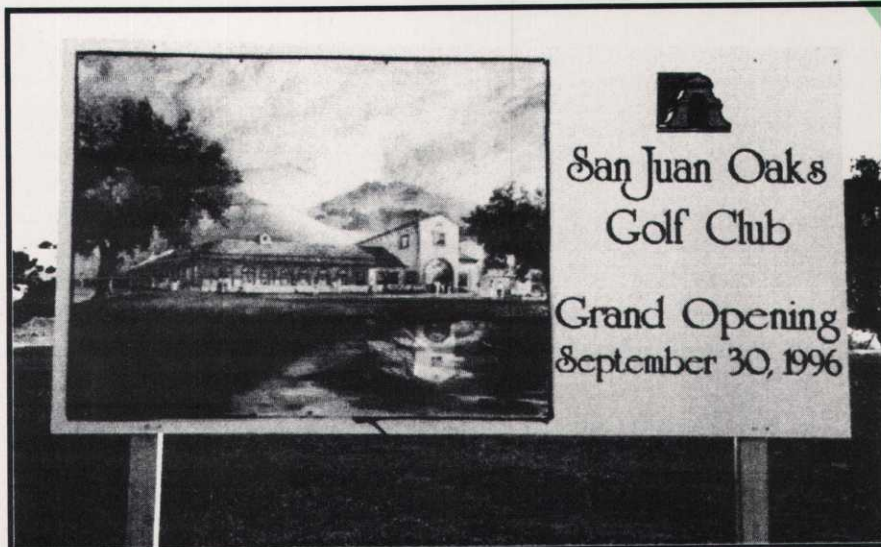
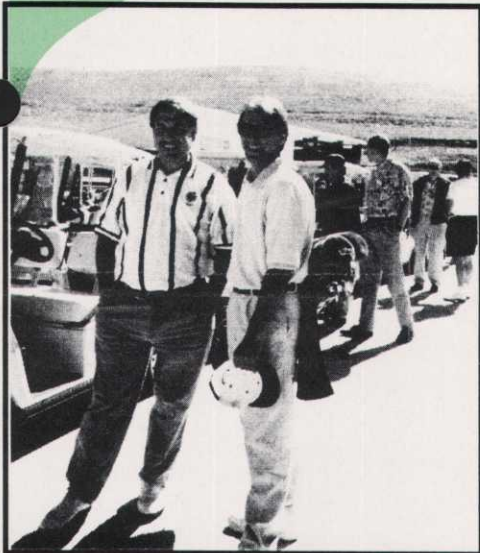
If your dog ate the notice, fax me your reservation and mail your check. Don't assume because you faxed your reservation that you are confirmed. A mailed reservation with check will take priority over any faxed reservation I receive. I also prefer not to collect money (cash or checks) at the meeting. I prepare in advance a receipt for your benefit I should not have an amount in the "Due" column.

Check in with me prior to the meeting to collect your receipt. I know getting your Tee assignments and pairings from Tom Jackson is more important than getting your receipt, but Tom does not always have the most current information regarding last minute reservations. Typically the reservations are faxed to him two or more days prior to the meeting to allow him to begin working on them. Last minute arrivals in the mail get added later (more reason to get your reservation in by the deadline date so you will be on the list).

Lastly, guests — the Association allows a member to bring one guest unless otherwise indicated on your meeting notice. You should include payment for your guest. You and your guest should check in together. If you are in a foursome preference is listed on the meeting notice. Confirmed means you have all made reservations to attend and play together. If you hope to play with Joe and John, don't list them in the confirmed foursome, that only confuses the issue if they don't come to the meeting. Providing an index is to your advantage. There is no way of knowing your golf ability and you may be paired with a player of varying skill unless you tell us how well you play.

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Walk in reservations are strongly discouraged. We work with the host superintendent and his/her staff to provide reliable numbers for lunch, golf etc. In the case of the San Juan Oaks meeting, box lunches were provided by an off-site vendor based upon numbers provided to them. It is not possible to accommodate unknown attendees under these circumstances.

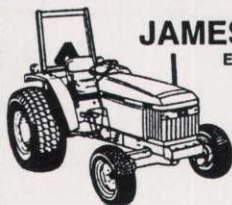
Golf at San Juan Oaks on September 12, 1996 was met by Association members with rave reviews. The course was beautiful with its old oaks and wandering streams. The club house, pictured above, is still under construction, but is most impressive as it nears completion.

Pictured at left, golfers gather for the shot gun start at 10:30. 70 golfers enjoyed brand new golf carts, a delicious box lunch and fairways unmarred by divots. Those who played expressed appreciation for the opportunity to play this brand new course. Mild temperatures and a calm day with slight breeze picking up mid afternoon made weather conditions ideal for the round of golf at San Juan Oaks.

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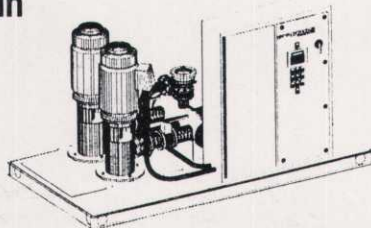
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