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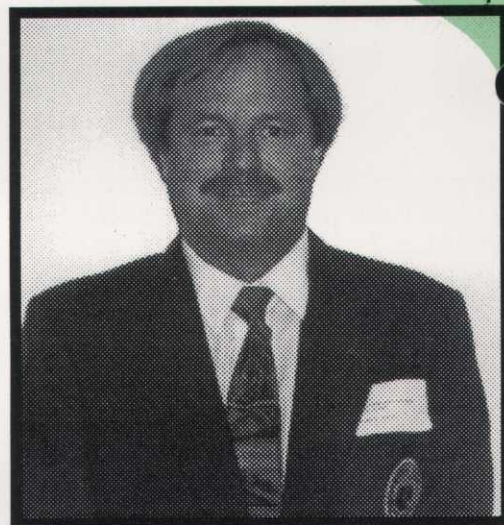
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## From The President

1997 continues to be an exciting year for our industry. Golf equipment sales are up as club manufacturers try to supply the growing number of new players that flood our courses and practice facilities. I recently paid \$10.00 for a medium bucket of balls at an upscale public course and had to wait for a place to hit them. The new course construction boom continues. All of this growth presents excellent opportunities for Golf Course Superintendents and those that supply the golf industry.

For an existing course willing to undertake renovation projects, careful planning is a must. Contractors and Golf Course Architects have been in short supply. For those of us that utilize the services of consultants we must also contact and schedule visits in a timely manner. It may take weeks to have someone available to help solve one of our problems that need immediate attention. We are fortunate that our Association has affiliate members that travel our region and based on what they see at other courses may be able to give some immediate advice — most of it good.

I have utilized the U.S.G.A. Green Sections Agronomic Visit Services for years. Like many of you, I've also picked up a few tips from the articles Pat Gross from the USGA has written



for our newsletter. Other Superintendents go beyond the USGA and enjoy fewer sleepless nights with the help of others. Superintendents are expected to know it all. With so many different and changing conditions course to course, and with what little may really be known by so many, it's okay to seek a little help from qualified consultants who also have so much to gain from our thriving business.

Shorter daylight hours are on the way,

Blake

## Office Notes

*By: Barbara Mikel*

Well this is August and naturally the only thing on your mind is Christmas holidays right? Well just a note to be sure to make your room reservations for the December Poppy Hills meeting at the Monterey Beach Hotel. New remodeled and oceanside rooms are available to the Association thru November 21, 1997 at discounted rates. See the "Calendar Section " for more details.

I must say this job gets more interesting by the year! June 26-30 I found myself in Lawrence, Kansas with a group of four golf course superintendent association managers for software and training provided by GCSAA. The visit was instructive, professional and friendly. The GCSAA staff couldn't have been more helpful and professional! I also found

Lawrence Kansas a refreshing change from other parts of Kansas--- not to say I don't like the other parts of Kansas-- I just find it difficult to navigate with no mountains for reference. We all came back with ideas we will be able to use and I suspect we were able to provide a few ideas for the GCSAA staff.

I got a call the other day from a new member wondering whether his membership card had been lost since he hadn't yet received it. I know you think there is a dark hole somewhere out there swallowing these things. I thought I might review the process. Once you are a member you probably don't need this information but if you are attesting the application of a soon to be member you might fill them in.

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## Office Notes (Cont'd)

The board of directors meets monthly accepting membership based on the recommendation of the Membership Committee. Once the membership committee and Board of Directors have reviewed the application a letter of acknowledgment is mailed. This happens usually within a week of the board of directors meeting. The member's name is added to the mailing list. 'Thru the Green' and meeting notices are mailed. We have a 30 day waiting period before membership is finalized. This allows publication in "Thru the Green" of new members names before final acceptance. If anyone has objection to the individual being accepted into the Association this allows time to present the board of directors with objections to the membership. With the acknowledgment I mail a directory and promise to send the card, plaque and badge when provided by our suppliers.

Well, it does take some time for our suppliers to get our cards, badges and plaques finished. They won't just do two or three. We need to give them a minimum number before they process and that may take some time. The same is true for reorder on name badges when you change courses or businesses. We are adding an attestor letter for GCSAA for new Class A and Class B members who need to join GCSAA. /

## The Hardest Thing (Cont'd)

are outside of a reasonable range is a waste of both time and money. Yes, the hardest thing to do is nothing at all, but sometimes it is what you must do under the circumstances be patient and wait until the growing environment becomes more favorable for germination and growth. /

## Watson To Highlight 65 Year Program

Dr. James Watson, formerly of the Toro Company, will highlight the 65 Year Anniversary Meeting Program with an historical look at golf course maintenance and maintenance equipment. Watson, who served as an agronomist for the Toro Company has an impressive background in the turfgrass industry, earning his Ph.D. at Penn State University in 1950. His many accomplishments include extensive turfgrass research, as well as the authoring of numerous technical articles. His presentation will be a part of a two hour program which will also feature an historical perspective presented by Past Presidents, Cliff Wagoner (1959) (1965) (1967), Rich Lavine (1995) and Bob Hanna. Also slated for the morning program is recognition of all Past Presidents, as well as the presentation of honorary memberships to Walter Boysen and Paul Paulsen. Fifty year pins will be given to Paul Paulsen and Ed Silva. The days events will begin at 9:00 with a continental breakfast and an historical display of equipment and photographs.

## The Way It Was (Cont'd)

restricting its use and requiring a permit.

GCSANC established its presence on a national level when Elmer Border was elected President of the GCSAA in 1959. Later that same year a motion was passed to consider requiring members to also be a member of the National.

Myrtle Wagoner joins the Association in 1960.

In 1961 a meeting was arranged among the Presidents of the Southern California Chapter, Northern California Chapter, Central Chapter, Hi-Lo Chapter and San Diego Chapter. They would call themselves the California Federation of Golf Course Superintendents.

Public relations was at the forefront again in 1964 when a list of sports writers were sent articles pertaining to the status of the golf Course Superintendents.

1965 saw the birth of the green blazers. Samples were presented to the board by Walter Boysen.

In 1967, GCSANC's very own Walter Boysen was elected as the president of the GCSAA.

The Tarp Program, a joint venture with NCGA received membership support in 1968.

1971 was a particularly noteworthy year. It was determined that badges

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