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## From The President

As I sit here looking out of my office window at a very soggy and wet golf course (two inches last night). I am reminded of what a great job of course preparation Tim Greenwald and his crew performed on Rancho Cañada prior to our golf tournament and Christmas Party. The whole tournament and dinner was very successful and this was due to the efforts of many people. Blake Swint and Forrest Arthur were responsible for the golf format and worked very closely with Bob Costa and his staff at Rancho Cañada to assure a successful event. A special thanks is also due the Golf Pro . . . . . and his staff for their help in setting up and scoring the golf.

So, thanks again to all of those people who helped to make this year's Christmas Party special. Even Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus.

By the time you read this, I am sure that you are signed up for one or both of the GCSAA Regional Seminars on January 8th and 9th. Topics are "The Superintendent as a Grow-in Manager" and "Risk Management". By your support of these National Seminars you are also supporting your local chapter.

Also on tap for January 16th is a General Meeting to be held at Palo Alto Hills Country Club. No golf that day, but a great opportunity to find out about your Association, the National Association and what direction we're headed in. The main speaker will be Steve Mona, GCSAA's Chief Executive Officer. He will be answering questions regarding policy, the affiliation agreement or any other topic you are interested in. This is the meeting to bring your concerns, your ideas, your input and your complaints. Whatever it is, we want to hear about it. If it concerns the Association it is important to all of us.

On behalf of myself and the Board of Directors, I would like to convey the wish for a Happy New Year to every member of our Association and their families. Especially the families who support us and understand that they do come first. See you.

Joseph Rodriguez, CGCS  
President



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GCSANC President 1996-1997

## Office Notes

By: Barbara Mikel

Happy New Year! I can't believe 1996 is history. Membership cards are being distributed as renewals are received. If you haven't renewed by this time, you will be assessed a last charge. Don't delay another minute. I will have to drop your name from membership at the end of this month if I don't have your renewal. If you allow this to happen, you must start the new membership application process. Application fees are considerably more expensive than even renewals with a late charge.

I have received some membership questionnaire forms with membership classifications changed. If you have a question regarding your membership class, please call the office or Wayne Lindelof, membership chairman. We have a procedure to use to change membership classifications. Classification descriptions are found in the Bylaws located in your Membership Directory.

## Did You Know?

Researchers at the UCLA School of Public Health have found that workers who use back support devices have one-third fewer back injuries. The Southern California Injury Prevention Center examined the records of 36,000 workers at 77 Home Depot Stores in California. The study concluded back supports can help reduce back injuries among workers who do a lot of lifting. The researchers recommend that proper training combined with back belts for repetitive lifting should be part of a back injury prevention program.