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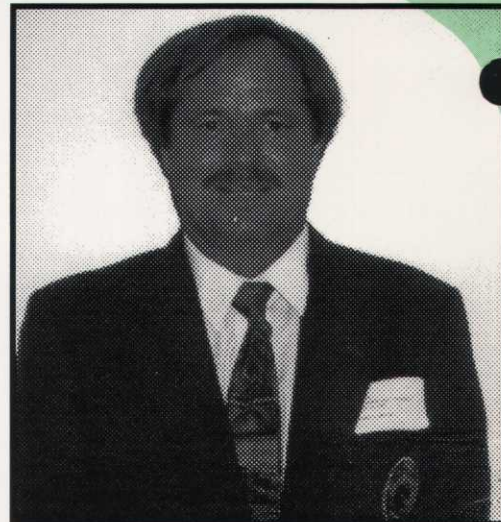
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From The President

The Scholarship, Research and Education Tournament held in September at Mira Vista was outstanding. Likewise, the October meeting held at Oakhurst was enjoyed by all that attended. If past history repeats, the Institute will again offer valuable information for Superintendents to take back to those they work for to help improve their operation. Most of the program is focused on long range planning or developing a master plan.

Long range planning is essential in providing a smooth transition when improvements are made to an existing operation. Our Association is in need of a long range plan. With the growth that our Association has experienced the past several years and the potential for continued growth we may have to alter our path. Our Association is run by volunteers with a part-time contracted office service to coordinate our efforts. Our databases are getting larger as we make subtle improvements to our functions. Our affiliation with the GCSAA adds to our work load. We have gained much from both. Developing a long range plan will be discussed at future Board meetings with the goal of improving our operation.

It's renewal time. This year's renewal notice will include a salary survey. A survey is only as good as the accuracy of the information provided. Please take the time necessary to provide accurate information. If you are a regional superintendent or multi-facility manager fill out only what applies to



Blake Swint, President

your position. If you vote at the national level either independently or with another Association, you will be given the opportunity to vote our Association. Please consider voting with our Association as our voting delegate will have ample time to meet with the candidates at the convention time and discuss the issues that may enhance and promote our profession. An Association with a strong voting block like ours allows our voice to be heard.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Blake

Office Notes

By: Barbara Mikel

October hopefully brought a slower pace for all of you out there. It certainly brought rain, snow, hail and beautiful rainbows to the Sierra foothills. I know the joint meeting at Oakhurst Country Club was a welcome fall beginning. The Sierra Nevada chapter is growing and according to President Jim Husting, CGCS is the third largest in California these days! Congratulations!

Speaking of growing, our membership has grown. We have 546 members in the Association. We exchange or send newsletters to other chapters and golf related industry groups as well as golf media representatives bringing our newsletter mailing to 586 each month. Our student membership has grown to 14 members and we have over 200 Class A and B superintendents with our assistants numbering 73 as of our July membership acceptances. Our retired Class A Life members

represent another 23 who have been members for a minimum of twenty five years or served a GCSANC board member or officer. We have an additional 23 retired members half of whom were Class A or Class B members. Our Affiliate members number 176 industry representatives. Supplying the balance is the Associate classification, and certainly we don't want to miss our 6 Honorary members..

I know since my move to the "high country", I have witnessed the development in El Dorado County of three new courses in four years. Seems like every time I pick up a golf related trade or industry publication I hear about a new course.

November also brings about the annual dues renewal notices and occupation description updates. This year it is doubly important to return

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