

## 65 Years - A Final Look Back

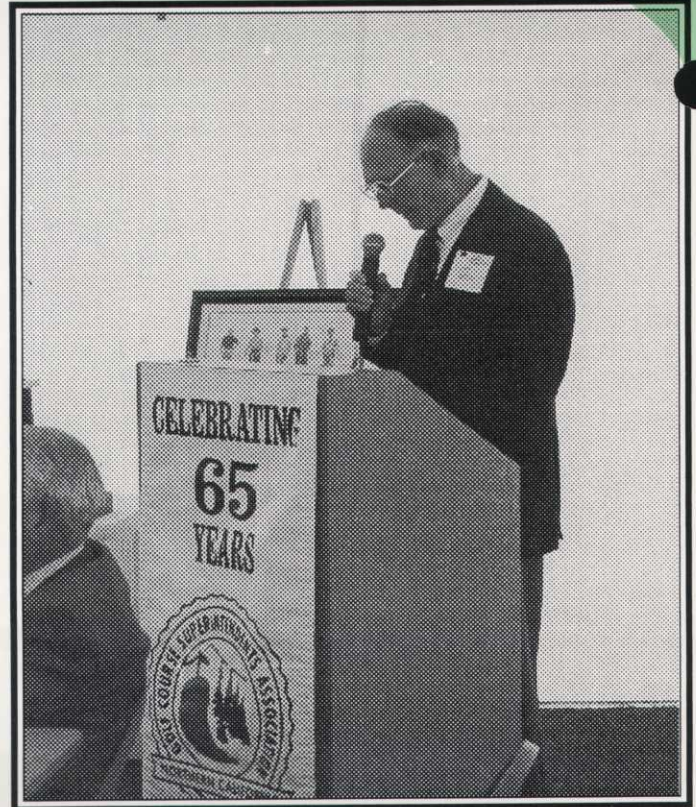
By Bob Costa

The first 65 years are in the books, climaxed by the recent celebration at Fort Ord on August 11th. It was a day of recognition and remembrance, a chance to look back at individuals, events and the tools of the trade that have shaped this Association and our profession. Where the next 65 years will lead us is uncertain, but be sure it will be a journey worthy of celebration.

Monday's gathering was all it was hoped to be. The blending of old faces and new, a spirited discussion covering events and people from the past, a chance to recognize individuals for their service, and an enjoyable afternoon of golf. It was a day that brought Cliff and Myrtle Wagoner back on center stage and demonstrated once again why they are such an important part of our history.

With the 65 year celebration now too, a part of history, it's time once again to look forward, though not so far that we can never occasionally steal a glance back. History can be a great teacher, and a source of inspiration, it can remind us of where we came from and where we need to go.

As we begin to look ahead, we must ask the questions, *Who are the ones that will provide the leadership for the future? What issues are we likely to face? Will we continue to see our Association strengthen and grow?* History, as it has since the beginning of time, will no doubt provide the answers.



*Past Presidents, Bob Hanna (pictured above) Richard Lavine, CGCS (pictured at left) and Cliff Wagoner, CGCS (not pictured) gave members an historical perspective at the 65 year celebration at Fort Ord.*



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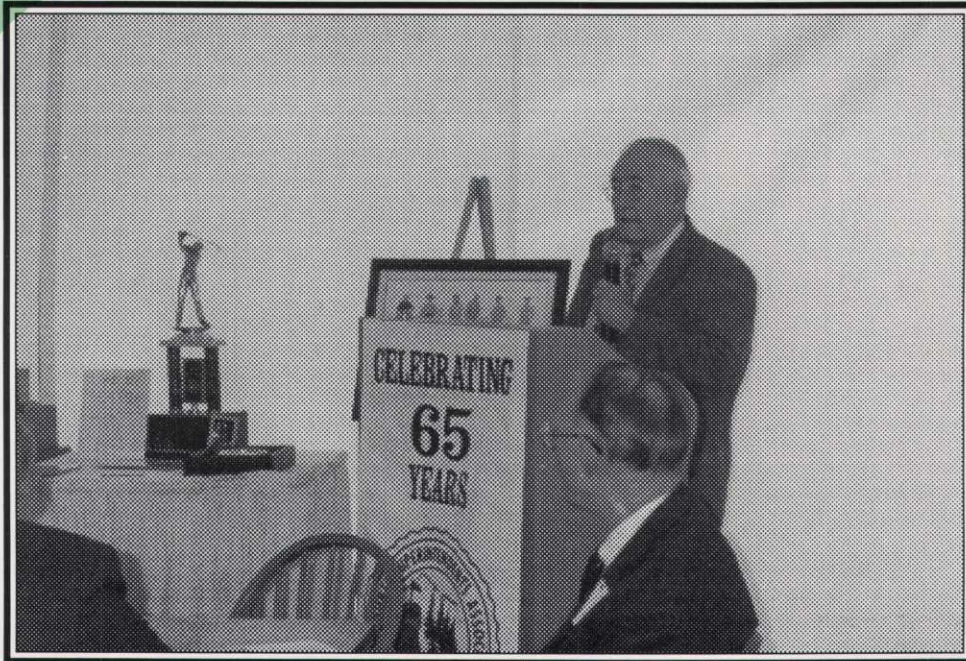
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*Dr. James Watson highlights the 65 Anniversary Meeting Program with an historical look at Golf Course Maintenance and Maintenance Equipment.*

## Boardroom Briefs

- A new arrangement for NorCal logoed merchandise has been approved by the Board. The agreement was reached with Southern Golf of Peachtree City Georgia. The new program will allow members to place orders directly with Southern Golf, taking advantage of their vast inventory. As an added bonus the GCSANC will receive quarterly royalty check totalling 20% of all sales.
- A new membership application was approved. The new application was created primarily to accommodate the requirement for A and B members to be joint members of GCSAA.
- The 65 year program was reviewed by Committee Cochair Bob Costa, CGCS. Costa reported that at a meeting held at Ford Ord prior to the days board meeting it was announced that a tent would be utilized to accommodate the event. Unfortunately, plans to complete the renovation of the clubhouse in time for the meeting were delayed.
- A subcommittee chaired by Dave Davies, CGCS, was formed to review the procedure for monthly meetings. It was the general feeling of the Board that a SOP for monthly meetings needs to be developed, as well as a long range plan. The primary focus of the plan would be to examine meeting costs and develop strategies to address this issue.
- Tournament Chair, John Holmquist, reported that all is in order for the upcoming Scholarship, Research and Education Tournament scheduled for September 8th at Mira Vista Country Club. John and his committee have been working hard to ensure a successful event.
- Mike Nunemacher presented the Board with alternatives to the infamous green jackets worn by GCSANC board members. Mike proposed a blue blazer with a standard sweater and golf shirt as an alternative for casual attire. The board was unanimous in their approval.
- State representative Dave Davies, CGCS, reported that a survey was included in the August newsletter requesting comment on the recent state meeting. The information will be used at the State Board Meeting now scheduled for September.
- Newsletter Editor Bob Costa, CGCS, announced that a check for \$50.00 was awarded to Ken Schwark for an article submitted for print in the newsletter.

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