• GCSANC Executive Secretary, Barbara Mikel announced that the 1998 membership directory will be mailed to all members in early June. A recommendation was made to solicit limited advertising for the 1999 edition.

• The board has directed Bob Costa, CGCS, to continue to refine the sponsorship program and provide a second draft to the board at the August board meeting.

• A motion was approved by the board to increase the affiliate member rate to $140.00. The increase is consistent with the percentage increase for A & B members recently approved at April's Annual Meeting.

• Merchandise chairman, Forrest Arthur, reports that improvements are in store for GCSANC merchandise. Beginning at the June meeting, Forrest will label sample merchandise and display them on racks for everyone's shopping pleasure.

• Past President, Blake Swint, proposed a July 11th date for the annual board member dinner. The dinner is in honor of outgoing board members Wayne Lindelof and John Holmquist. The dinner is to be held at La Rochelle in Pleasanton.

• President-Elect, Dave Davies, CGCS, announced that the NCGA is moving forward with its interest in hiring a full-time agronomist. Davies reports that the NCGA staff has been very receptive thus far to the recommendation made by the GCSANC board. The position is being created to serve superintendents and member clubs throughout Northern California.

• A web page committee was proposed for the purpose of gathering information for posting on the CGCS web page. Some of the information which is likely to appear are GCSANC merchandise, member applications and special events.

• Bob Costa, CGCS, co-chairman of the Education Committee reported that the Education Committee has been busy planning the 1998 Institute. "The focus," said Costa, "will likely be on personal growth and development. The committee feels good about the direction of the meeting and will meet again in early June to refine the program." Costa also informed the board that two GCSAA regional seminars have been confirmed for January and May of 1999 (see article for details.)

• State Representative, Gary Carls, CGCS, announced that recent legislation has expanded grass carp use into several southern California counties. Much of the success behind the recent approval should be credited to State President, Jim Husting, CGCS, and State Lobbyists George Steffes.

• Scholarship tournament co-chairman, Jim Karrik and Craig Kilcoyne reported that it is all systems go for the August Scholarship Tournament at Fountain Grove Golf Course. A letter to affiliate members was being developed for sponsorship solicitation Karrik said.

Turf & Landscape Research Field Day
August 20, 1998

University of California Cooperative Extension is offering the Annual Turf and Landscape Research Field Day for turf and landscape professionals. The program is free and no advance registration is required. The event will be held on Thursday, August 20, 1998, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, at U.C. Bay Area Research and Extension Center, 90 N. Winchester Boulevard, Santa Clara, California. Three (3) DPR, two (2) Certified Arborists, three (3) Certified Crop Advisors, and 0.35 Certified Golf Course Superintendent continuing education hours are pending.

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