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From The President

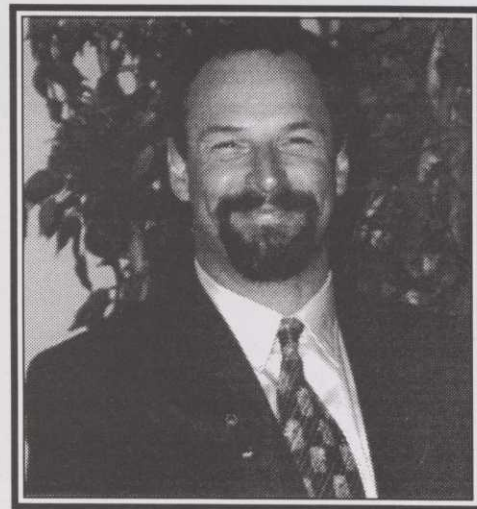
Congratulations!!!! The inaugural Media Day event was a great success. There were 9 media representatives, 6 past presidents and 110 golfing participants. Great turn-out, wonderful facility and an overall fantastic day. Greg Crawford was very impressed with the total effort by everyone involved. A special congratulations and thanks to Terry Grasso for working his "day of the event" magic with pairings.

There is some very interesting news to report on the state front. The State Board has previewed one proposal for the economic impact study that was brought forward last year. Since that proposal was made, the Golf Course Owners Association has come forward with an interest in participating in a similar study. Thanks to some initial calls by Ted Horton and a conference call with 8 interested parties, we have another proposal to evaluate. The benefit to this second effort is that both the Superintendents and the Owners Association are looking for the same general data. This common interest will allow more parties to share the cost. We have also been notified that the NCGA is an interested participant as well.

Office Notes

By: Barbara Mikel

Have you ever wondered where a new golf facility is located? Who the pro or superintendent is, what fees and tee times are available, or what are the rules regarding carts etc.? Well folks, there is a way to find all this information rather quickly and painlessly (without even picking up your "Blue Book".) You can use the "On-line Blue Book" in the NCGA web site at NCGA.org. This is a wonderful web site open for your exploration. It will draw maps and print directions from a given address to the club you want to visit. Mileage and estimated travel



Dave Davies, CGCS

The long term benefit to the new relationship is that we now have a dialogue within different factions of the golf industry. With the owners, superintendents, NCGA, SCGA and the PGA all talking, who knows.....we may be able to find more areas of common interest to pool resources and continue to keep golf on an upward swing.

I'm looking forward to another great turnout at Roosmoor on the 16th for the fund raising event. Until then, keep smiling and make some phone calls to your new media contacts. /

time are also given. Now there are no more excuses for missing or being late to monthly meetings! The site also features a handicap calculator, the "Rules of Golf," and a tournament calendar for the year.

Another "link" to the industry is the NCPGA web site. The tournament results, schedule, job opportunities, and structure of the Professional Golf Association is worth a quick check. Go to NCPGA.com (make sure it is "com" otherwise you'll end up on a propane gas adventure")

Good browsing! /