

One Superintendent's Xmas Wish List

By Terry Grasso

All my tee shots were downwind
 All my putts were uphill, straight in, and 10ft. or less
 All four pars were less than 350 yards
 I had a scramble pairing with Mike Garvale, Scott Lewis, and Mike Ligon
 I wouldn't have to trash so many incomplete GCSANC scorecards
 The Eucalyptus beetle would take residency at Hillsborough
 My GM would go on a LONG vacation
 My Green Committee Chairman would go with him
 My commute was 10 minutes or less
 Toll takers might actually smile
 My crew would be awake at 6:00am
 There were no houses around my golf course
 Drainage, drainage, and more drainage
 I had John Grant's stress
 More vendors would make appointments
 More superintendents would come to monthly meetings
 Everyone in the GCSANC has happy holidays and a prosperous New Year

Al Deschene (Cont'd)

for 10 days. He felt ill often due to his lack of circulation. But he was the truest friend anyone could ask for. He was there when you needed anything. He was the type of guy that would not only give you his shirt but also his coat if you needed it. He never spoke badly of anyone. I feel honored to have had such a great friend.

Al left his wife Pam, his daughter Aubry (15), and his son Chace (12). Because of his heart condition, Al was never able to secure life insurance. The family is now trying desperately to make ends meet. If anyone would like to help the family in this time of need, we are asking you to send a gift of any amount to: Pam Deschene, 3397 MacDonald St., Napa, CA 94558. Your gifts and time are very much appreciated. Thank you. ✍

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Did You Know?

California: Gov. Davis vetoed a bill that would have required 72 hour pre-notification of school pesticide applications, including use of products such as Raid and Lysol. The veto is good news for pesticide users — activists use school notification measures as the first step toward a complete ban of all pesticide uses.

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