

## Boardroom Briefs

- ◆ The Board elected to keep the membership directory as is but to research the possibilities of going to a directory similar to the Southern California chapter's.
- ◆ An article will go out in the newsletter thanking all of the current sponsors for their donations.
- ◆ A move was made to change the GCSANC's liability insurance carrier to that of the GCSAA.
- ◆ A presentation was made to the Board by Donald A. Clemans, CGCS, CPAg, of the Northwest Turfgrass Association. The NTA sponsors turfgrass research and endowments to University turfgrass programs. The NTA could help the GCSANC by co-funding research that would benefit local superintendents.
- ◆ Donations are being solicited for the Scholarship and Research Tournament in August. Any help is greatly appreciated. The tournament format will be Superintendent/Affiliate.

### Naumann's NorCal News

**R**ich Scholes is leaving Corral de Tierra Country Club in Salinas to become the Superintendent at Gold Mountain Golf Course in Graeagle. Rich will oversee the balance of construction of the golf course and prepare it for opening . . . **Chuck Pratt** has left Sequoyah Country Club in Oakland and is now the Superintendent at Tony Lema Golf Course in San Leandro. Tony Lema is now in the middle of a complete reconstruction . . . **Sean Sebastini** has recently completed construction of the Yountville Golf Course and the course has recently opened for play . . . .

### State Supports Leaf Blower Legislation

The California Golf Course Superintendents Association has decided to come out in support of Assembly Bill 1544. AB 1544 would require cities and counties to consider the economic impacts of prohibitions on taxpayers, consumers, and employment opportunities before adopting any ordinance that prohibited commercial leaf blower use. In addition, those local jurisdictions would have to make a determination with supporting information — that no alternatives would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons. The bill would overturn existing bans on commercial use unless those bans were adopted in accordance with the procedures set forth in the bill or enacted by initiative. AB 1544 is authored by Assemblyman Brett Granlund and sponsored by CLCA. (California Landscape Contractors Association).

Presently this bill is in committee and hopefully will make it to the legislature. Our State legislative advocate George Steffes has written a letter to the legislature to make sure our support is noted. Further notice on the progress of this bill will be forthcoming and action may be required of those CGCSA Network individuals, in the form of phone calls and letters to the appropriate parties. Please stay tuned for more details! ✍