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## From The President

eetings have long been a topic for conversation. Costs for meetings, profit or loss, location and format are questions that have to be asked almost every month. A great deal of effort is put into the coordination of each event. We have, in the past, issued a generic gift certificate for those placing in the golf events. I feel it is important to support the facilities that host our Association and apparently the rest of the Board shared that feeling. We have approved a policy change that will result in all gift certificates being issued for the host facility. There are those who will view this as an inconvenience. My first response is that there is currently over \$5,000 in unredeemed gift certificates. These are the type that can be redeemed at your own local PGA Pro Shop. If it is difficult to get into the shop at your home course to buy something then perhaps the \$20 - \$50 Certificate is not all that important. In this ever escallating business climate we work in, we always attend clubs that are in some way able to bend the rules and find a way to give us some type of discount. We feel the new policy is a great way of saying thank you.

The deadline for membership renewal has long since passed. In fact, those still delinquent may not receive this newsletter. Please remember that much of what we do must be dealt with as a business. Timely response to meeting notices and renewals will help to make things run smoothly. All who are involved in the planning and production processes will appreciate your efforts.

The summer promises to be busy for all of us. I am sure we have all looked at the calender and tried to figure a place for all the important events (vacations, baseball games, golf outings, camping and boating). Our Association again has a full slate of events that promise to be enjoyable and educational. It is possible to enjoy yourself while you learn something



# **Dave Davies, CGCS**

new. Make some time to attend an event and remember to offer your opinion when someone asks for it. That's something I will continue to work on.

One final note. I wonder if it has something to do with the responsibilities as newsletter editor, but does it seem strange to anyone else that even with a new editor we are still seeing those shots taken at the President. I guess it may just be the need to test my theory on keeping one's sense of humor. To all those responsible for "the picture" thanks . . . everyone needs a good laugh.

## **Office Notes**

By: Barbara Mikel

Well, after my resounding announcement of "spring is here" in the April "Office Notes" I proceeded to get four inches of snow in the backyard So much for my weather forecasting. I will go out on a limb and forecast a great upcoming year for GCSANC. The Board of Directors (old and newly elected) are well organized and meetings are well planned for the upcoming year.

Some items of discussion last year during the budget review revolved around technology. How, when and what are the usual questions. How to get it and use it. When to upgrade and advance and most

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