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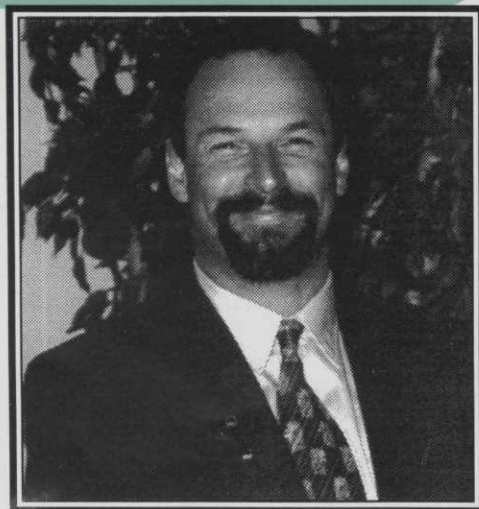
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## From The President

Meetings 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 escalating 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 calendar 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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## Results From The Annual Meeting

The GCSANC Annual Meeting was held April 20, at Shoreline Golf Links. Extra thanks go out to the staff at Shoreline for hosting us without a full time Superintendent. The meeting benefited by the large number of past presidents in attendance. They were instrumental in having the annual election run smoothly.

Dave Davies, CGCS, was re-elected President, Gary Carls, CGCS, remains Vice President and Mike Nunemacher becomes Secretary-Treasurer. In the Directors race, the two positions open saw Bob Costa, CGCS, and Gary Sayre, CGCS, elected to the Board. Steve Franzen of Best/JR Simplot was elected Affiliate Representative.

A bylaws change, which moved future GCSANC Annual Meetings to January, was unanimously approved. This change should improve attendance, help financial operations, and get more current information into the membership directory.

David Sexton, CGCS, read his review of the financial operations of the Association. His committee found things in good order but cautioned that the operations of the Association are becoming more complex every year.

Christopher Hogan of Fresno State and Bobby Budelli of Cal Poly, SLO, received scholarship awards. Both are

Northern California natives and worked on bay area courses this past summer.

Dr. Ali Harivandi was presented with a check for \$3,000 for his research and educational activities. Although the check was somehow missing at first, Dr. Harivandi was thanked for his dedication to the GCSANC.

This year's awards were as follows: Distinguished Service Award went to Sohan Singh, CGCS. Superintendent of the Year went to Dave Davies, CGCS. John Fleming (and staff) won the award for Turfgrass Excellence and Steve Franzen won Affiliate of the Year.

## Office Notes (Cont'd)

importantly what am I to do with it. Ken Williams, CGCS, editor "Thru the Green" has undertaken to delve into the Internet mysteries. Maybe I can expand on that for economic consideration.

Every time something is mailed to the membership, you pay the post office at least twenty cents, mostly it is thirty-three cents or more. The telephone fax message is cheaper (bulk long distance provider charges six cents per minute with six-second incremental billing.) Cheaper yet is "no charge" Internet transfers. I pay my monthly provider a fixed amount. Each message that is sent to a GCSANC member by email is FREE to your Association. Each email or attachment coming to the office is FREE to your Association.

Once the email database is established for the chapter we can begin forwarding meeting notices, job notices, communications to membership by other than the "post office." The change of information form distributed last month has a place for email address. If you haven't yet supplied your email address, consider doing so. Hopefully we will be able to offer fax, email and "post office" mail options in the not too distant future.

## Tournament Tips

### Attention Superintendents!

**Monday, June 7, 1999,  
San Jose CC**

#### Annual Superintendent/Pro Golf Tournament

The field for this event will be limited to the first sixty (60) teams.

All others will be placed on a waiting list, first come - first serve basis (First come meaning a completed entry form).

Mail in your entry forms A.S.A.P. Remember - a completed entry form consists of the entry fee, and your verified NCGA index for May, 1999 for both players!

There is a rumor that drinks may be purchased for all who send in the correct entry form by the deadline. (The over and under on the number of drinks stands at twelve.

The Tournament Committee

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