

President's Message (Cont'd)

prior to you getting the starting time especially if you would like the round to be complimentary. Talk to the potential host before making any arrangements. This will allow your host to explain any restrictions that might apply. I may also allow him or her to get you a better time. It is always tough to establish a policy that works all the time, but courtesy to your host is always a good start.

Dues statements will be out soon. Prompt returns, with current information, updated phone numbers and e-mail will allow for an accurate resource for your own use. Keep those opinions rolling in (I received three this last month!) ↗

Office Notes

By: Barbara Mikel

November 1999

Fall at last? Sure seems like late summer to me. The air-conditioning is still in full swing and I have yet to see any "wet weather". Maybe soon!

At this time of the year, you can count on the annual renewal processing beginning. Each year we mail invoices and a job description update to each one of you. The year 2000 dues are paid in advance and are due by December 31, 1999. Come January, there is a \$20.00 late fee charged to those not yet renewed. After January, you are dropped from the association membership lists and have to reapply. That is costly! \$150.00 to \$175.00.

Failure to renew can also jeopardize your GCSAA membership. Unless you were "grandfathered" in 1997 you must maintain both memberships.

Since our annual meeting has changed to January, I hope to have an updated directory out by March 2000. I know promises, promises but I can only try! The lack of delay will mean a longer period when telephone numbers and club are accurate providing you get those questionnaires back to me! ↗

In Memoriam

The GCSANC lost a devoted member last month. **Al Deschene** passed away on October 4th. He was 50 years old. Al was affiliated with Farmload Distributors/Floratine Products and All Grow Supply & Service. He will be missed.

Harivandi Starts Ryegrass Trial

UCCE's Dr. Ali Harivandi has begun a perennial ryegrass evaluation trial at the Sunnyvale Golf Course. Dr. Harivandi and his staff will evaluate all commercially available perennial ryegrasses at the site. He also hopes to find grasses which show resistance to Gray Leaf Spot, the disease that has devastated the Midwest. For more information, contact Ali at the UCCE. ↗

Time to Reserve Your Room For The Holiday Meeting

This year's Holiday meeting is being held Friday December 10th at the Monterey Beach Hotel (yes, they've been kind enough to have us back!) Golf follows the next morning at the beautiful Del Monte GC. This is a meeting you don't want to miss.

Reservation deadline is November 19th

Monterey Beach Hotel

(831) 394-3321

(800) 242-8627

Oceanside

Single/double \$109.00

Additional person \$10.00

Gardenside

Single/Double \$79.00

Additional person \$10.00

Tournament Tips

By Terry Grasso

Christmas is just a few weeks away. I'm sure that new golf equipment is on everyone's wish list. So, save all of your previously used equipment (drivers, bags, putters, etc.) and bring them to the GCSANC Annual Meeting in January at Palo Alto.

The GCSANC is hoping to make a generous contribution of both used equipment and driving range credit to Jerry Berrow and the Alameda Junior Golf Program. This program was featured back in the September "Thru the Green" newsletter.

If you have any questions about this very worthy program, or would like to make a contribution through your company or club, call me at (650) 343-3147.

Personally, I have a golf bag, two wedges, and three putters that I don't wish to look at any more. And maybe one driver.....if it lives until January!