

Boardroom Briefs

- The program for the 1999 Institute in Santa Rosa has been finalized. Topics will include <u>Poa</u> and bentgrass greens management and the role of organics in turf management programs. Speakers will include Dr. Larry Stowell of PACE Consulting and Dr. Eric Nelson of Cornell University. A sponsor for the program is still being sought. If interested, please contact Gary Carls, CGCS or Dr. Ali Harivandi.
- The educational topic for the Spring Valley meeting will be the use of the triploid grass carp in Northern California. Speakers are hoped to include past CGCSA President Jim Husting, CGCS and Marty Muschinske of the California Department of Fish and Game.
- The Annual Meeting will be held January 17 or 18 at the newly renovated Palo Alto Golf Course by outgoing President Dave Davies, CGCS.
- The Treasurers Report showed the association operating on budget for the year.
- The Membership Directory is undergoing final revisions and proofing. It will be sent out on the completion of printing.

- There was discussion on permitting an affiliate vote on the board. Currently, the affiliate representatives fill an advisory role.
- The board approved two cost savings measures. Membership certificates will now be issued in place of plaques and membership cards will be formatted so that a sticker can be issued for renewals.
- Terry Grasso presented an opportunity for the association to donate to junior golf. He outlined the program of Jerry Berrow at the Chuck Corica Golf Complex in Alameda. Terry felt that superintendents could easily donate to this worthy junior program while receiving positive PR in the process. Jerry Berrow's program will be outlined in the newsletter and donations will be sought prior to the December meeting.
- The board agreed to meet to evaluate the Media Tournament and to critically analyze the Media program. The meeting will allow the board to set goals and define objectives for the program in the upcoming year.

Web Tip - Cleaning out your temporary Internet files

Optimizing your Internet browser can make your surfing adventure much more efficient. Both Internet Explorer and Netscape Navigator store copies of the web pages you visit on your computer. Depending on your browser, these are referred to as "temporary Internet files" or "cache." Having these pages stored in your memory speeds up the downloading process on your next visit. However, if you don't periodically clean them out, they can slow down your system and prevent you from viewing the most current material on a website.

Internet Explorer users should start by going to the "view" menu and selecting the "Internet options" tab. In this area, you'll find the option to delete your temporary Internet files. Netscape users should go to the "options" menu and then select "network preferences." Next, go to the "cache" tab, where you will find the options to "clear memory cache" and "clear disk cache." If you perform both these functions, it will clear all the temporary files in the cache.

