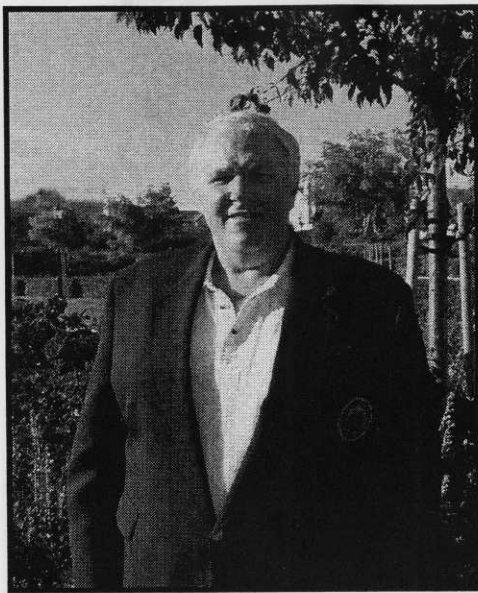


President's Message *By Gary Carls, CGCS*



Superintendent members of our chapter. Should we try and provide additional educational events even if attendance is limited? If you have any opinions, please get them to a board member so we can have your input.

There will be an increased focus in the next six months on the PDI initiative. We are already planning to do an extensive presentation / panel discus-

sion at our meeting September 18th at Bayonet / Blackhorse in the Monterey area. This will be your chance to ask questions and get some answers. We are also going to make an extensive effort through the newsletter to offer some scenarios and frequently asked questions to clarify some misconceptions many people have. Bob Costa, CGCS will be representing GCSANC as our delegate in Lawrence in September (8-10) and please forward any concerns you have to him before that important meeting. If everything goes as planned, you will have received a copy of the PDI proposal in the mail shortly after August 1. Read it carefully and bring your questions to the September meeting. Ray Davies CGCS and a member of the MSRG will be participating in this meeting and I know Ray will gladly answer any questions you may have if you want to call him in the interim.

The GCSANC will be sending a letter to the USGA regarding the ticket policy change for the U.S. Open. I know there were many of us disappointed when we lost the spouse privilege and

we will be sending them suggestions on what we believe may be alternative policies that would be fair and equitable for all.

Congratulations go out to Greg Jetter, CGCS at Spring Valley G.C. in Milpitas on becoming the latest member of GCSANC to obtain Certified Golf Course Superintendent status from GCSAA. Good work, Greg.

I have a few quick comments on our July meeting at Oakmont. It was great to see such a large turnout for an educational program in the North Bay. I realize we probably do a disservice to this area when it comes to scheduling meetings. To Mike Clark, CGCS, thanks for the great deal you secured for us. I hope we provided the

type of educational program you were hoping for. It was also nice to see a man who has done so much for this association over the years honored by his club for all those years of dedicated service. What was that again, you're going on a fishing vacation in a river you think? Hope you had a great time, you deserve it. I know everyone enjoyed the day and it was nice to see some of the folks we haven't seen for a while like Howard Fisher. Played golf behind Mike and Howard and I hope I can hit it like that at any point in my career. By the way Howard, I still owe you a drink.

Hope everyone continues to have a good summer and take some time to just enjoy your family and life. Until next month...Gary

Office Notes *By Barbara Mikel*

I have received a number of calls for our directory. It is at the printers! I guess full employment has caught up with all of us. The printer is estimating a 15-day printing schedule. The process was slow this year. I really wanted to get it out early. Membership renewals were slow and information necessary for the directory wasn't finalized until late April.

With the implementation of GCSANC Annual Meeting in January this year, my business work schedule had to be revamped. Well July is still along way from April but along the way I upgraded computer systems, installed, debugged Y2K compliant software and undertook an "interim" Association Manager assignment for the California Golf Course Superintendents Association. I had the opportunity to participate with other chapter managers in a

refreshing cooperative effort to put together the California Hospitality Suite in New Orleans, 2000 and the May CGCSA Annual Meeting. For the first time in the history of the California Golf Course Superintendents Association, local chapter managers were invited as a formal part of the May California Club Car Golf Championship and CGCSA Annual Meeting. I know the new CGCSA association manager will continue and expand this cooperation.

In the mean time, GCSANC meeting notices have been and will continue to be revamped. As more and more clubs are migrating to "credit card" expense accounting, we have decided to accommodate those requests. Simply use the "fill in the blank" credit card processing form that can be mailed,

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