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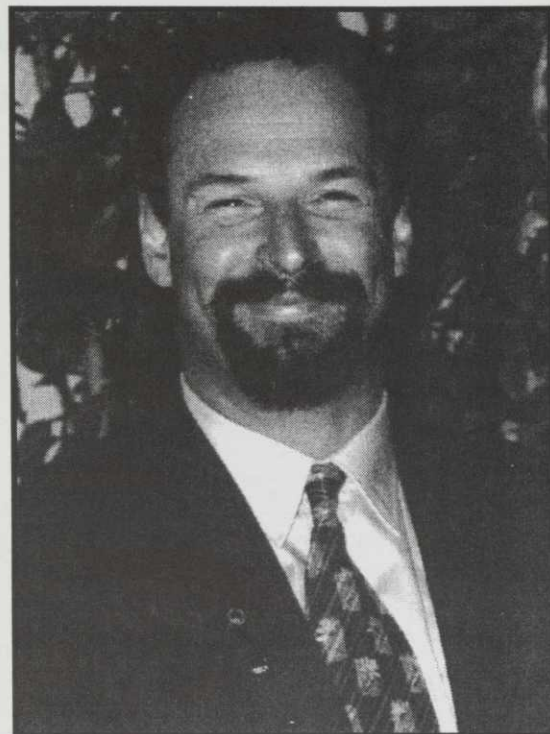
From The President

The final installment.... Many have hoped and prayed for this day. Without any further delay lets begin.

I had no idea the influence our December host had on the weather. After a Thursday night rainstorm, the sky cleared and the weather was glorious for golf. Thank you Mr. Bibber and the staff at Del Monte. I'd like to give a special thanks to the entire Pro Shop staff for their work. Terry Grasso reported this to be the easiest event for him due to their efforts. It was another great turn out for dinner and the "entertainment." Congratulations to all the winners. There are always comments about the event. Many are positive some are not. Do we continue with the same format? There has been talk of returning to the Crab Feed of years past. Mentioned in some dark corner was a Casino Night after crab.....please pass your comments on to the Board. It is after all, a party for all to enjoy. We may as well do something enjoyable. A final thank you to the vendors and affiliates who continue to support this event.

The annual meeting is scheduled for January 18. Remember to bring your golf equipment donations for the Alameda Junior Program. Gerry Berrow will be on hand to let us in on his program and accept the donations. We also have the election of officers and our new Affiliate Representative. All interested individuals are encouraged to participate. Finally there is the PDI presentation. Ray Davies, CGCS will be on hand for the presentation. He is also there to take your comments and questions back to the GCSAA Resource Committee. If we don't hear opinions at this meeting then we surely don't really care about the future.

My final thought...I have been fortunate to work with a wonderful group of people on the Board of Directors. We have made decisions, without always agreeing, we



Dave Davies, CGCS

have asked for and gotten input and done the best we could with our limited understanding of the desires of the membership. My one disappointment is the lack of involvement from our members. I hope we can find ways to make participation an attractive addition to people's work load. It has been an honor to represent this Association as President for the last 21 months. Thank you for the opportunity. /

Office Notes

By: Barbara Mikel

As a member of the USGA, GCSANC recently received an invitation to participate in the USGA Annual Meeting in San Francisco. This meeting is usually held on the east coast and we never get an opportunity to attend. I would like to extend the invitation to a member who would be able to attend. The Fairmont Hotel event on January 22, 2000. Included is a complimentary dinner. If you are interested please let a member of the board or me know. We have an opportunity to send

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