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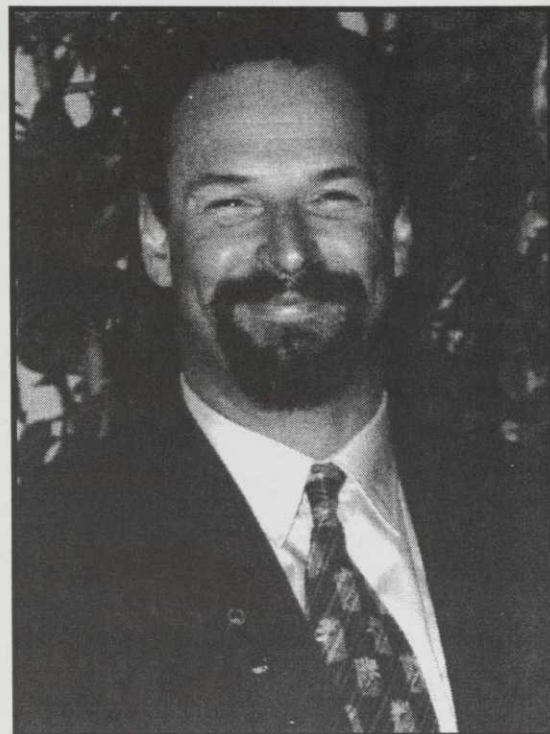
From The President

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. /

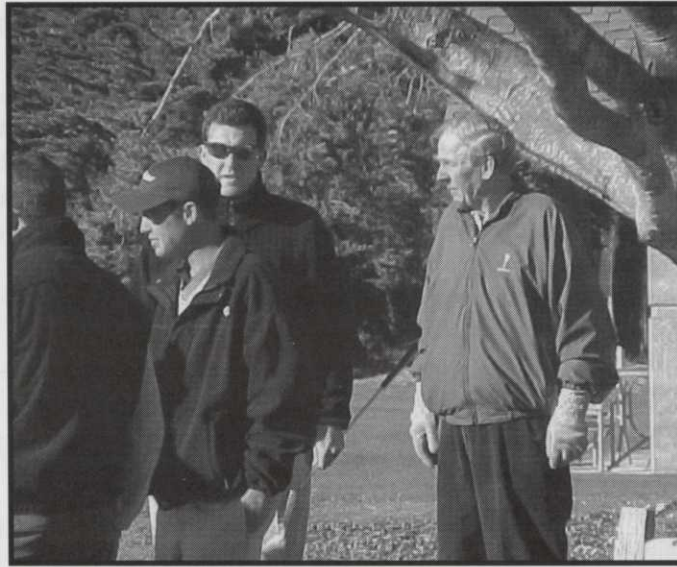
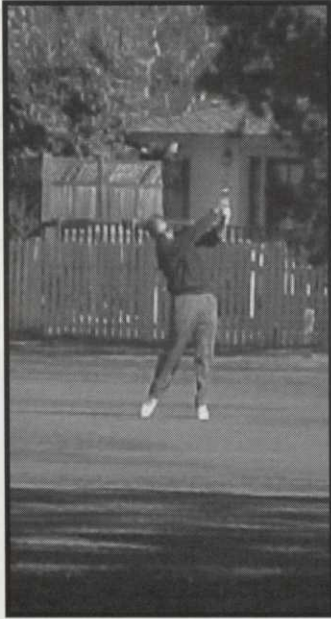
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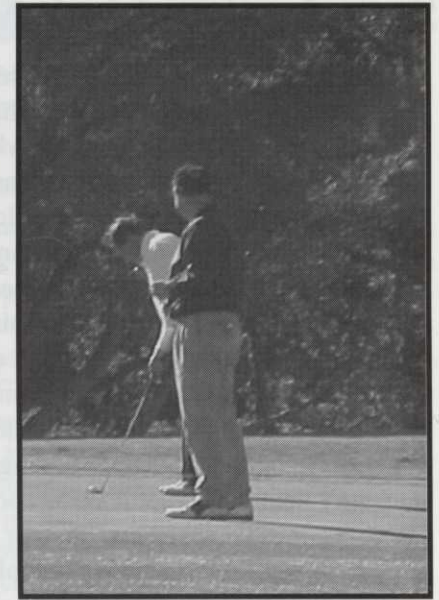
As a member of the USGA, GCSANC recently received an invitation to participate in the USGA Annual Meeting in San Francisco. This meeting is usually held on the east coast and we never get an opportunity to attend. I would like to extend the invitation to a member who would be able to attend. The Fairmont 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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GCSANC has a blast at Old Del Monte



Host Pete Bibber, CGCS and the guys at Old Del Monte



Naumann works with Garvale on the finer points of putting

*See Holiday Meeting Golf Results on page 5

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more than one person. It is short notice I know, but we do have members in the area! I would only ask to receive a brief synopsis for the newsletter.

Renewals are coming in "hot and heavy". Membership cards are here and will be circulating as I update databases with new information and mail it out to all of you. I know this must sound like a broken record, but please make sure you send in your membership questionnaire. Each year after we publish the directory I get a call from a member wanting to know what his address, telephone number or company name isn't correct. Well folks I can only publish what I have. Your accounting departments sometime fail to forward the questionnaire. When I receive a renewal check without the questionnaire, I fax a second questionnaire to you. If I don't receive this back I can only assume you want your information to remain the same.

This brings me to another point. Some members are requesting a "lower case" email or upper and lower case on email accounts. The **email addresses are not case sensitive**. Dashes, spaces, etc. are important for email address but not letter case. Trying to convert these after they are entered into a database is time consuming! /

Unflappable Dave

course uses recycled water that is blended on site with potable water.

Future plans include expansion of the parking lot, renovation of six more greens, a new practice green complex, and a tree planting program.

Dave's been at Palo Alto nearly seven years now. Previously he was Superintendent at Dry Creek Ranch GC in Galt where he was very active in the Sierra Nevada chapter. He served as an assistant at Sunol, Crystal Springs, and Saratoga CC. Raised in Cupertino, Dave credits all the superintendents he has served under including Paul Dias, Bill Huff, Pete Galea, and Bill Andrade. Dave has his AA in Business Administration and just renewed his GCSAA certification status.

Dave was married in June to his lovely wife Beth. Both Dave and Beth each have two children from previous marriages. Dave enjoys music, snow skiing and of course "The Motorcycle." Dave logs between 5 - 10,000 miles per year on the bike. He's hoping to make Sturgis and the Memorial Day run to Washington DC sometime in the next few years. He's looking forward to a summer vacation now that his major course remodeling is done. He and Beth are talking about going to Canada or Europe in the next couple years.

Dave's shown an unwavering commitment to our Association over the years. He's stepped to the plate and took on way more than anyone expected. He has stood strong through thick and thin and has taken the criticism as well as the compliments. I hope all of you will let Dave know how much he is appreciated, even if it is with just a slug in the shoulder. /