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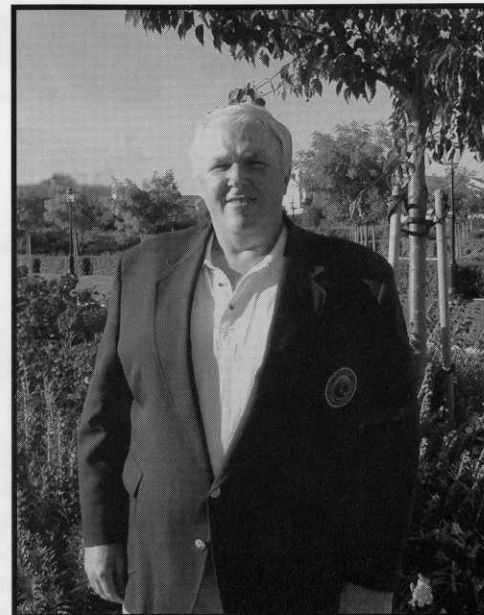
By: Gary Carls, CGCS

On July 18th Oakmont C.C. in Santa Rosa and Mike Clark CGCS will be hosting our third educational event of the season. It promises to be high quality education at a bargain price. It's that chance to bring along your assistant and learn more about our old friend, *Poa annua*. Special thanks in advance to Mike and the staff at Oakmont C.C. for giving us a truly fantastic deal that helps encourage strong meeting attendance. I hope everyone can make it.

One of the great pleasures I have had, as a member of the GCSANC Board of Directors, has been the opportunity to work with Cliff and Myrtle Wagoner. They are truly the example of going above and beyond the call of duty. Besides the years of service at the local, state and national level, they continue to contribute to the great history of our chapter. At our last board meeting they returned with the revised edition of our 65th Anniversary Scrapbook. We have donated a copy of this great history to the GCSAA for their Historical Collection. The board also authorized the printing of an additional copy that we will be bringing to our monthly meetings. I urge all of you to take some time and look back at the history of the GCSANC. See some of the names and faces that are our heritage as a chapter. Join me in thanking Cliff and Myrtle for saving this great piece of our history for future generations.

As PDI continues to round in to a final format, we are hoping to plan a meeting to further update our members as to the Initiative's final form. This will most likely be a topic of discussion after the delegate's meeting in September. Bob Costa, CGCS will be our chapter delegate this year and will attend the meeting in Kansas in September. He will also be casting our votes in Dallas. You may contact Bob or any other board member if you have concerns about PDI that you would like to express. As we have done in the past, we will give our members the opportunity to tell us how they would like to vote. Also discussed at this month's board meeting was a proposed insert in the newsletter to let members express their opinions on this topic. There will be more information on it coming in the near future.

Congratulations go out to Eric Greytok and the entire staff at the Pebble Beach Company. They once again allowed a



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Northern California course shine in the national spotlight. Conditions were superb and despite the fickle weather, everything came off very well. I can hardly wait until Tiger Woods gets a little more experience under his belt!

Finally, if you or your facility is interested in hosting a monthly meeting next year, please let Jeff Shafer or Gary Skolnik know. We are starting to formulate a schedule and already have some pretty good locations for next season. To those of you who have hosted events in the past, THANK YOU. Hosting one of our monthly meetings is another way for a member to be involved. Because of the large number of courses in our region, if those who can help out step forward, we are in a situation where we do not need to return to a facility for several years. Talk to those who have hosted meetings in the past and find out what hosting a monthly meeting did for them. If you can't host a meeting, there are other ways to help your association. By giving a little of your time, you may help ease the time crunch experienced by others.

Be sure to mark August 21st on your calendar for the annual Scholarship/Research Tournament at Orinda C.C. This will be another opportunity to visit and network with your vendors as we continue the Superintendent/Affiliate format started last year. Get your partners lined up early and look for a great day with lots of great prizes.

Until next month, Gary.