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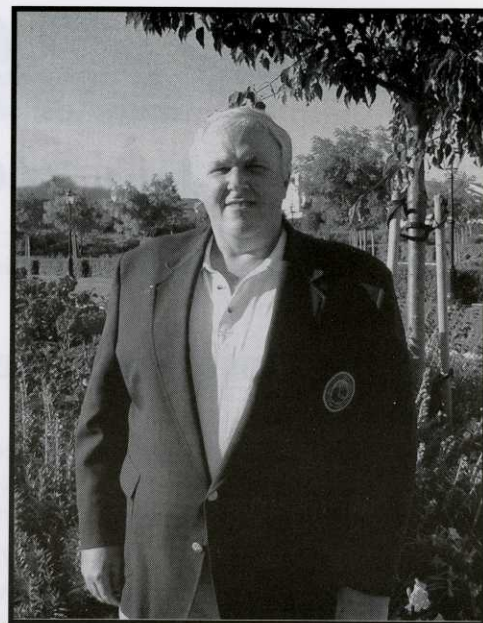
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From the President

It's hard to believe but another month has passed and it's time to create another monthly column. Hope everyone has got his or her turf off to a flying start as we head in to summer. Summer brings us the annual edition of the Superintendent/Pro event at the superb Green Hills C.C. for what is shaping up to be a quality event. You can also check out the 100th version of the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach. Be advised in the policy change that has been instituted by the U.S.G.A. that only allows the GCSAA gold card member admission (no spouse or family privileges as in the past) on a daily basis.

As the PDI and other items are discussed on the GCSAA website and other forums I would like to make an editorial comment. I see the discussion forums as a great place to share knowledge and new ideas. I don't see them as a place to make personal attacks on individuals or organizations. As I have become more involved in these forums it amazes me how personal a lot of the attacks are. There are cases of misinterpretation of what is being written, so I try and be very clear of my intent before I post an item. There are some serious issues that effect us all that can be great discussion topics on these forums. Let's hope for the good of all, we don't have to be in the position where we post items using abbreviations, which are obvious to all, to make personal attacks. Let's all be civil and discuss the issues and not get personal. I encourage everyone to visit the California website and participate in a constructive manner. We need to know what you think.

The State Chapter (CGCSA) will be discussing the State Meeting at its next board meeting in June. San Diego was a great host but attendance was poor. We will be discussing all of the factors involved including location, cost, time of year and education. If you have any ideas or thoughts please let us know. A lot of effort goes towards planning these events



President Gary Carls, CGCS

and we need to try and figure out a solution that is best for all.

In the months ahead, I encourage everyone to try and get out and visit some of your neighbor's courses. We all know how much more fun it is to go play somewhere different. In the city, we call it benchmarking. You could also call it networking. It's a long summer ahead but take some time to be with family and friends. It was once written about our work, "Do the best job you can, and then go home". None of us can work miracles no matter how hard we try. Take some time and enjoy. Until next month

Office Notes

By: Barbara Mikel

About three and one half years ago, the GCSANC Budget Committee reviewed the Association's budget and future membership requirements. Part of that discussion was a need to proceed with certain technology driven innovations modeled on those of the GCSAA. At the time, few of the Board of Directors or the general membership used a computer for much except irrigation work on golf courses.

Today the entire board is "internet