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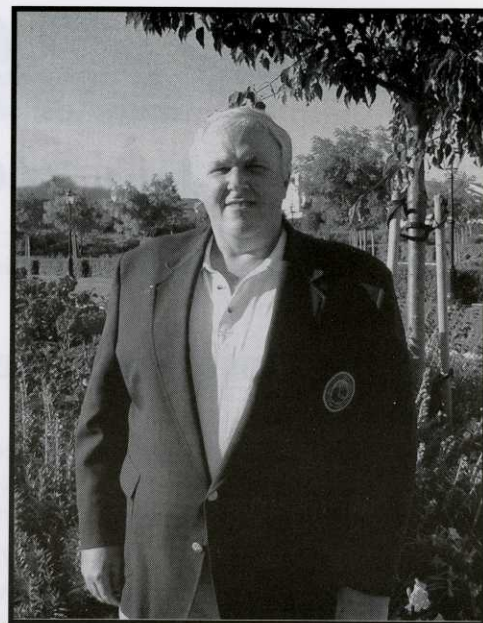
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## From the President

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 100<sup>th</sup> 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



## Office Notes (Cont'd)

literate". The general membership is also becoming more and more "wired". A quick review of the membership directory will document the advent of a fax machine in the maintenance office and also the arrival of email and the computer age in the superintendent's workplace.

Looking back, the Board's willingness to look to the future has meant a great deal. Today, service has been improved and large amounts of time and money have been saved. I hope to implement additional technology improvements in the areas of dues renewal, meeting reservations, membership updating and listing. One of the most important improvements to the Association business office is communication. As we pursue more avenues to that end, the better the membership will be served.

## Gary Carls, CGCS Receives Environmental Certification

Gary K. Carls, CGCS at Sunnyvale Golf Course has earned Environmental Management Specialist Certificates from the GCSAA for completing specialization programs in Employee Safety and Right-to-Know, Golf Course Development, and Water Quality and Application. Carls has now successfully completed all six specialization areas for Environmental Management Program certification. Congratulations, Gary!

## US Open (Cont'd)

variety ways, including tasks like raking bunkers and top dressing divots. "Our core staff will continue to perform most of the mowing and course set up activities he said. "Together, we will all be working very closely with the USGA staff."

Why so much help? "It's the US Open" said Horton "expectations are high". "A lot of the staff's time will be spent simply mowing the golf course each day, except the rough of course," he says smiling.

### Media Scorecard

- *Press Release - Palo Alto Jr. Golf donation*
- *Golf Column - SJ Mercury - Audubon Program*
- *Awards Section - Superintendent Weekly - Jr. Golf Contribution*
- *Golf Today - Question of the Month*

## Naumann's NorCal News

**Mark Logan** is the new Superintendent at Myacama Golf Course near Santa Rosa. This is a new Jack Nicklaus Golf Course under construction right now.....**Gil Styles** has accepted the new position at Summittpointe Golf Course in Milpitas. Gil was the Superintendent at Hiddenbrooke GC in Vallejo prior to his move.....**PJ Spellman** has been a little busy as of late. Since taking over the reins from **Rich Scholes** at Corral De Tierra last year, he has renovated nine holes. The work included new tees, reshaping bunkers, fairways and a few greens.....

## Superintendents Show Support for Palo Alto Juniors

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California continued their support of junior golf by recently contributing \$465 dollars to the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Jr. Golf, held at Palo Alto Golf Club on Saturday, May 6th. The donation was raised at the GCSANC Annual meeting this past January.

Saturday's tournament, sponsored by the City of Palo Alto, raises funds to support the East Palo Alto Junior Golf Club. The annual event, which has raised over \$100,000 dollars since it's inception, is coordinated by Bob Hoover and Palo Alto Golf Course PGA professionals, Hank Pollex, Rich Bin, Brad Lozares and course superintendent, Dave Davies. Davies, the GCSANC past president and Paul Dias, Director of Parks and Golf were instrumental in spearheading the superintendents fund raising efforts.

"Having been apart of this event for several years has been a rewarding experience" said Davies. "One of our chapter goals, beyond providing services to our members, is to look for opportunities to contribute to the community. Supporting Junior golf is a natural fit"

## CGCSA Elects Officers

**Sam Williamson**, CGCS of the Ojai Valley Inn and Spa was elected President of the CGCSA at the Annual Meeting in San Diego. **Pat Gradoville** of Palos Verdes GC was elected Vice-President. **David Kovac** of GolfQuest Management in San Diego was elected Secretary-Treasurer.