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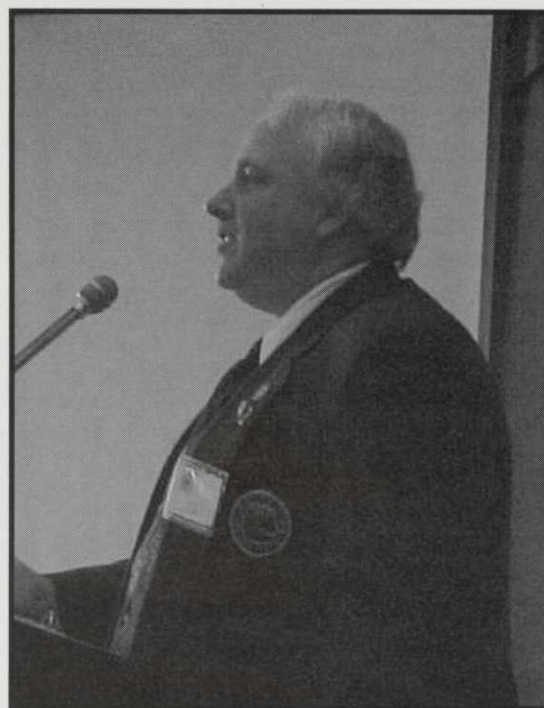
## From The President "Back To The Future"

By Gary Carls, CGCS

As I write this, my second President's message, the rapidness of the technology age has truly struck home. With the tremendous speed of the Internet, the timeliness of our monthly newsletter seems to move at a snail's pace. By the time you read this, we will have hopefully had a safe and fruitful adventure to the GCSAA Conference and Show in New Orleans. Yet as I write this, I am still 5 days from leaving. With the increasing burdens of our jobs, some of us have emerged into the world of high-tech faster than others. As we look at our future and try to plan GCSANC events, we hope to offer some different educational opportunities in the next year. I think we will be a little less golf oriented at our monthly meetings. I hope this venture is successful just to ease a great deal of time spent by board members trying to coordinate these events. If you really feel the need to play golf, call your fellow member down the street and go play his course.

Our new board member committee assignments are listed in the back of this publication. If you would like to get involved and have a little time to spare, contact one of the chairs and offer any help you can. The new board held its first meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup>. There is a lot of enthusiasm and information contained within this group and they all look forward to your help. Two of the programs we are going to take a hard look at in the coming year are our Scholarship and Research programs. If you have any suggestions as to how we might get the maximum benefit from these programs, please forward those ideas to the committee chairs or myself.

On March 6th, Stanford G.C. and Ken Williams CGCS will be hosting the GCSAA Etonic program "Enhancing



**President, Gary Carls, CGCS**

Your Job and Securing Your Future "with Mr. Dalton Floyd Jr. This four-hour program will cover items such as employment contracts and how to negotiate with your employer. Space will be limited to 90 participants. Because of manuals etc. we will be unable to accommodate walk-in registrations that day. Please plan accordingly. GCSAA CEU's (.35) will be awarded for those who complete the exam at the end of the program.

By the time you read this, we hope to have plans finalized for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Media Event. Also, please mark your calendar for the USGA/NCGA Meeting at Castlewood March 23<sup>rd</sup>, the CGCSA Meeting in San Diego on May 1 and 2 and the GCSANC Field Workshop May 22<sup>nd</sup> at Ruby Hill GC in Pleasanton.

Finally, please feel free to contact me at (408) 730-7625 if you ever have questions or items you want to talk about. There are a lot of great ideas floating around out there and they need to be heard. We are an association of over 600 members and your experiences and input are valuable to those of us who make the daily decisions of GCSANC operations. Thank you for your time. — Gary