



## President's Message

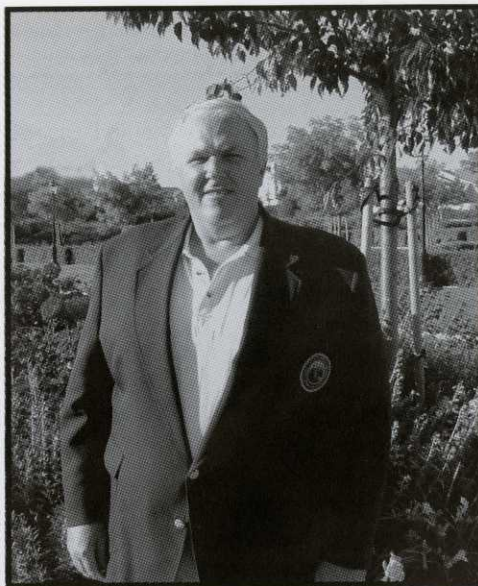
By Gary Carls, CGCS

Once again fall is upon us. Most of us are busy with projects to get the course ready for the winter and next spring. Early indications are that we may be in for a wet fall and winter. Hope everyone gets all their work done before the serious rains arrive.

Fall is also the time for some of GCSANC's most popular events. The annual Institute will be held on November 14<sup>th</sup> in Santa Cruz with golf on the 13<sup>th</sup> at Pasatiempo G.C. This year's program is "Irrigation Design and Maintenance" and we will be offering a special discount to those that bring their assistant superintendent or irrigation technician along. On December 8<sup>th</sup> we will be holding the annual December meeting with golf at Rancho Canada G.C. followed by a Casino Night at the Monterey Beach Hotel. Hope everyone can attend these two fine events.

It is also time for a couple of etiquette reminders. Please turn cell phones and pagers to a "silent mode" during meetings and golf. Be considerate of our speakers and your fellow members by eliminating these distractions from our events.

It is very important for every member to advise us of their plans regarding meeting attendance as per our reservation guidelines. We have to give our host facilities numbers to prepare food a week in advance of events and last minute additions can create problems for them. Golf numbers usually work in a similar fashion. We try and give the host facilities numbers and pairings as early as possible so they can make their necessary arrangements. Please, do not expect to switch groups at the last second and try and remember how you would like



others to act when they visit your facility. Show every courtesy to the staff at our host facility that you would expect at your course. We realize there are occasional last minute problems but if everyone gets to the meeting on time and checks in properly most of this is easily avoided. Remember we are there to enjoy the day with our fellow members and share our knowledge. **MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE ARE GUESTS!!!!**

As a courtesy to our host superintendent and his facility, we should be there to attend the entire event that day. We put a lot of effort in to planning these days, along with our host facility and superintendent, and I think it hurts our image when we have several persons who always seem to arrive just in time to play golf and miss the meeting portion. Again, I realize that we sometimes have other commitments to fulfill and it can't be avoided, but please try and keep this in mind when registering for future events. We have been given some great deals this summer and by making a positive showing we can help assure that others will want to do the same in the

future.

Thanks also to Bruce Williams CGCS and Ray Davies CGCS for their fine presentation at Bayonet/Blackhorse in September on the final version of PDI. This initiative will chart the course of the future GCSAA member. Congratulations on a great job by Pat Finlen, CGCS and his staff, on getting the courses in

spectacular shape for our group. The courses will be a great challenge for the upcoming PGA events.

At our board meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup>, we will be discussing the PDI and how we want to determine and cast our votes. If anyone has any input they would like to offer, please

## Office Notes

By Barbara Mikel

How do you like the new "Thru the Green"? Ken Williams, CGCS and Jo Harlow, Key Publications certainly did an excellent "revamp." Ken is showing hidden talents for photography! Past President Brian Bagley undertook the last major change more than eight years ago!

We have been discussing a way to provide the new members with some history on the association Tournaments and Awards. It would be great if we could have multiple volunteers for some explanations on our various presentations. How many know the history of our Ayrshire Trophy (jokingly referred to these days as the Ross Brownlie trophy because he just keeps winning it!) Ken Sakai provided a brief descrip-

tion for me a few years back and I can research the newsletter but I would like some other members to share knowledge on these topics. Can someone who knew George Santana, provide us with information on George's contributions to the association and industry?

Those of you attending Bayonet Black Horse Meeting may have browsed the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scrapbook. The plans are to provide that binder at each meeting. There is at least 65 years of the Association's 68 years in the binder. Thanks to Myrtle Wagoner for the time spent in making the additional copy!

I would like to include the history in the next directory so look and see what you can contribute to those award descriptions.