

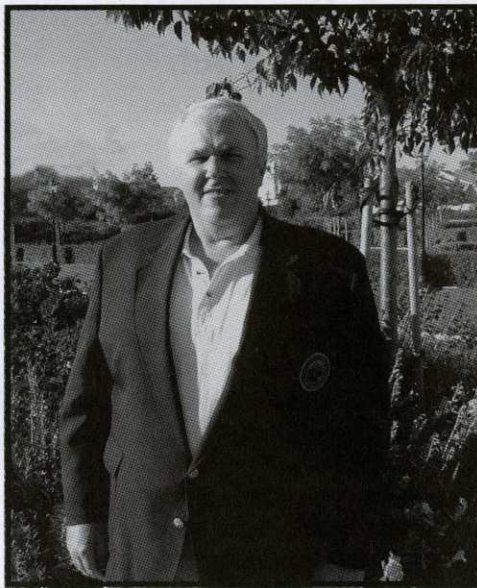
President's Message

By Gary Carls, CGCS

It seems like just hours ago I was finishing up my last monthly message and it's time for another update. As we approach the end of summer we can start dreaming of some cooler days and a little rain in our future. Years ago I always thought that the fall meant a little time to relax but as we all know that is no longer the case. Greens have been thrashed by the long days of summer and many of us head in to some of our larger cultural programs now that cooler weather has arrived. Sometimes Mother Nature throws us a curve and keeps summer around until October just to punish us a little more. No matter how much we may complain, I doubt that very many of us are out looking for a different profession.

September also brings to our chapter the first opportunity as a group to have an in-depth discussion of the final version of the GCSAA Professional Development Initiative (PDI). The PDI is something that will have a significant impact on each superintendent's future and I urge everyone to make time for the meeting on September 18th at Bayonet/Blackhorse Golf Course in Seaside. Bob Costa CGCS, who will be our chapter delegate, will be back from the Chapter Delegate's meeting at GCSAA headquarters with the latest topics of discussion. Two members of the Membership Standards Resource Group who have spent several years developing this proposal, Bruce Williams, CGCS and Raymond Davies, CGCS, will also be present to answer questions. We will attempt to present some real life scenarios of how PDI will affect the average member. See other portions of this newsletter for further details.

Those who attended the Scholarship/Research event at Orinda C.C. were once again blessed with great weather and some fantastic prizes. Thanks to Bob Lopic and the staff at Orinda C.C. for hosting us. The course was spectacular and took its toll on many of us. One sleeve of balls is not enough when your ball decides to head towards the fence at every possible opportunity. I know I had more homeruns than Barry Bonds that day. Bob Costa told me John Madden would have been proud of my somewhat unorthodox game. Special thanks to the Graves family for the large donation



they made in honor of Bert Graves whom recently passed away and was a member of GCSANC for over 50 years. This event will be played in his honor in the future. Special thanks to Steve Franzen and Rex Gentry, our affiliate representatives to the board, for organizing the event and to all of our affiliates and members for their donations. They are what makes this event a success year after year. One last round of thank yous go out to Debbie Franzen for driving the beverage cart and Joyce Ligon and Ryan for handling measurements for closest to the pin on the wagering hole.

Two items of discussion from the boardroom also need to be mentioned. The board has recommended that the Affiliate Representatives on the board of directors be given a vote on board matters. These members donate a lot of time and effort on our behalf and their constituents represent about half of our membership. This proposal will be presented as a bylaw amendment at the annual meeting in January.

Also discussed was the former program that allowed our retired members to attend regular monthly meetings at half price. This program did not include any of our special events. Since our calendar is now filled with mostly special events this program offered very little opportunity for these members to attend. The board has decided to look at this program on an event by event basis and provide the opportunity to these members to attend meetings when possible. We made the decision to comp these members if they wish to attend the September meeting and

are looking at some sort of discount for the annual meeting. The financial impact of this is minimal in most cases and it is a just reward to those who have been involved with GCSANC for many years.

The GCSANC/SNGCSA Joint Meeting will be at Arrowcreek in Reno on October 2nd. Preliminary plans are for a presentation by Mike McCullough of the NCGA. Details should be arriving shortly. Hope everyone got through the summer o.k. and can find time to attend an upcoming meeting. Until next month,

Gary

Office Notes

By Barbara Mikel

Have you visited your calendar lately -- September -- finally? Time for a deep breath and a slow exhale. I hope everyone had a good time at Orinda. It was certainly a good day for it! Except for a few having difficulty navigating to the course and some not liking their "final scores," all I heard was praise! Bob Lopic, his crew plus Shim Lagoy and his staff certainly deserve a hearty "thank you" for a gracious and fun event! I certainly missed a golden opportunity to bid on a Sacramento River Fly Fishing trip. Looked up and someone else had "snapped it up" Doug if you want to trade --- give me a call!

Our two Affiliate Board Reps - Steve Franzen & Rex Gentry certainly deserve a hearty "thank you". It is always good to see Joyce Ligon and Debbie Franzen continue to support our organization also. These two women have always "answered" the call when asked to help out. Joyce & Debbie thanks!

Many new members have just received our directory so it is time to review some of our "SOP's." Meeting reservation etiquette, policy, guests etc. can be found in the directory. Please review these to make meetings more enjoyable for host superintendents and all that participate. We are increasingly required to "guarantee meeting numbers." These are requirements clubs have for every event. The cook can't possibly know how much food to order and prepare it without a "final" number, hence our meeting deadline policy.