



Boardroom Briefs

- ◆ Newsletter editor **Ken Williams** made a formal presentation to the Board outlining several options for the newsletter format. The Board approved a re-designed shell, which will allow for a monthly cover photograph.
- ◆ Past President **Dave Davies** presented a draft of the GCSANC annual awards criterion. The ensuing debate was centered around developing a selection system that included nominations from the membership and expanding the Turfgrass Excellence Award to possibly include a Public and Private golf course winner.
- ◆ Media Director **Bob Costa** unveiled the Ball mark repair poster that will be distributed to all Class A and B Superintendents at the end of September. The poster, bearing the slogan Fix It! – For the Good of the Game, is intended for display at member courses.
- ◆ The Board unanimously approved a draft of the bylaw change that will allow Affiliate board members voting privileges.
- ◆ Secretary Treasurer **Jeff Shafer** presented a final draft of the Salary and Compensation survey. The survey will be mailed to Class A and B Superintendents in late September.
- ◆ Unanimous in it's opinion that the Holiday party needed a new look the Board approved a proposal brought forth by **Dave Davies** to include a Casino Night at the December 5th meeting in Monterey.
- ◆ Scholarship committee Chairman **Roger Robarge** announced that the Scholarship applications would be in the mail shortly. The deadline for completed applications is November 6th
- ◆ The Board agreed to re-institute a complimentary registration fee policy for retired Class A, B and Affiliate members as well as Class A life members. The complimentary fees are valid at the Annual meeting and other special meetings determined by the Board.

Board Supports Bylaw Change

The GCSANC Board of Directors has unanimously supported a bylaws change proposed by Immediate Past President Dave Davies, CGCS. The bylaws change calls for the two Affiliate Representatives on the Board to receive voting rights in all matters that come before the Board. Currently both Affiliate Representatives serve in an advisory capacity on the Board. Discussion within the Board has taken place over the last 6 months and a final draft of the bylaw change was presented at the August 15 Board of Directors meeting.

In discussing this possible change, the Board noted the critical role the affiliate membership plays in the overall operation of the association. In almost all instances it is the financial support of the affiliate membership that drives the "extras" presented to the membership. Donations to events such as the Scholarship

Tournament and Holiday Meeting add valuable dollars to help defer costs and provide additional prizes. Their participation in the sponsorship program provides advertising opportunities for the affiliates but also helps reduce the financial impact on the association budget in providing the monthly newsletter. Costs for providing the annual directory are also reduced through affiliate advertising dollars.

The individual representatives on the Board provide valuable input to the operation of the association. They provide specific information from the affiliate perspective on all matters before the Board. In addition, they are volunteering service time for the association that takes time away from their primary duties as sales representatives for their employers. The Board felt strongly that this commitment of time and expertise deserved the same

consideration given to the superintendent representatives on the Board.

The proposed bylaw change will be addressed at the 2001 annual meeting in Sunnyvale. The official text will be included in the ballot informa-

tion to be sent out in December. A copy of the text will be made available to the entire membership through the Newsletter in the next issue. Questions or comments can be directed to any member of the Board of Directors. /



President Gary Carls thanks Bob Lopic for hosting the meeting at Orinda Country Club.