



## Office Notes (Cont'd)

Walt isn't going to make it. I had the pleasure of meeting him during the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary presentation at Bayonet & Black Horse Golf Course when he was presented is original membership application! Hope you all have a great time at Sequoyah!

Speaking of Terry Grasso.... Junior Golf Resources, Inc. was a program Terry brought to the Association while serving on the Board of Directors. We've had lots of superintendents make equipment donation to this program in addition to the financial contribution by the Association. Jerry Berrow, the director for Junior Golf Resources, Inc. is very pleased with the donations made at Sunnyvale Golf Course during the Annual Meeting. He tells us, he has received inquiries from the Czech Junior Golf Team regarding this program. Mr. Berrow is being taken to Cork, Ireland in May to assist in establishing two junior programs there. He hopes to continue and expand these contacts on behalf of junior golfers! See Terry, you started an "International Incident." We need more of these kinds of incidents! Where did I hear, "it's the quiet ones you really have to watch?" Thanks Terry, for it is the used equipment, lots of time, and the attention that keeps kids engaged and brightens the future of golf. /

## Too Many Medical Flag Carts At Your Facility?

**The Walking Impaired Golfers Association** has developed an ADA Compliance/Accessibility Policy for golf courses designed to minimize the number of golf carts on courses, and to clearly identify the golfers who need special access.

"Golf course superintendents have a desire to keep their golf courses in top condition," said Fred L. Montgomery, WIGA chairman and CEO. "And the golf cart and its misuse by golfers is a major factor impact-

ing the golf course conditioning." WIGA has completed a study of club managers in which 82 percent of the respondents believed there were too many requests for medical flags and that a better system to is needed to identify the golfers with a real need. The policy is a response to those concerns.

For a draft copy of the policy, contact WIGA at (877) 480-9442, <mailto:wiga@mindspring.com>. /

## Practice Balls Support Golf Accessibility Programs

It takes more than 26,000 practice golf balls for the 13 USGA national championships. Now, those golf balls, mostly donated by Titleist, have a second life in 30 golf programs supported by USGA Foundation grants.

The grants are part of the "For the Good of the Game" initiative to promote access and affordability to those who would otherwise not be exposed to the sport. Begun in 1997, the USGA initiative has awarded more than \$22 million.

"Golf balls are a necessary part of the equation for building a successful introductory golf

program," said David Fay, USGA executive director. "We thank the manufacturers who support our national championships each year with affordable golf balls for the practice ranges, and we want them to know that their golf balls are increasingly being used to support a common goal — to introduce the game of game to future generations."

"We are glad to be a part of making our national championships come to life, and to have the chance to encourage future champions," added Wally Uihlein, chairman and CEO of Acushnet. /

## Central Chapter to Host State Meeting

The Central California GCSA has planned an outstanding California GCSA Annual Meeting & CGCSA/Club Car Golf Championship. The Annual Meeting will be held at the Cliff's Resort at Shell Beach, Shell Beach, CA. The Cliff's Resort is a beautiful area overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Shell Beach, Ca. is just a couple of miles north of Pismo Beach on Hwy. 101.

To encourage more Golf Course Superintendents to attend the Annual Meeting & Golf Championship, we have applied for GCSAA tested CEU's, for Certified Golf Course Superintendent's. California Pesticide CEU's have been applied for and GCSAA PDU's will be available.

The Central California GCSA has prepared an outstanding educational program for May 7th. Following the educational program will be the Butler's Dinner and Table Top Trade Show, which will make an enjoyable evening. Included in this years' meeting is a children's program, for the evening of May 7th. So why not plan a family event for the weekend of May 6-8, 2001.

If your main interest is the golf championship, you will play a new Peter Jacobsen golf course, called Cypress Ridge Golf Club.

This is your chance to take a family trip, see old friends and relax before the summer begins. /

**Historical Correction:** In last month's article, I mentioned that only two GCSANC members had ever been President of the GCSAA. Actually, there was a third GCSANC member who served as GCSAA president in 1959, Mr. Elmer Border. I apologize for the omission. Gary K. Carls CGCS

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