



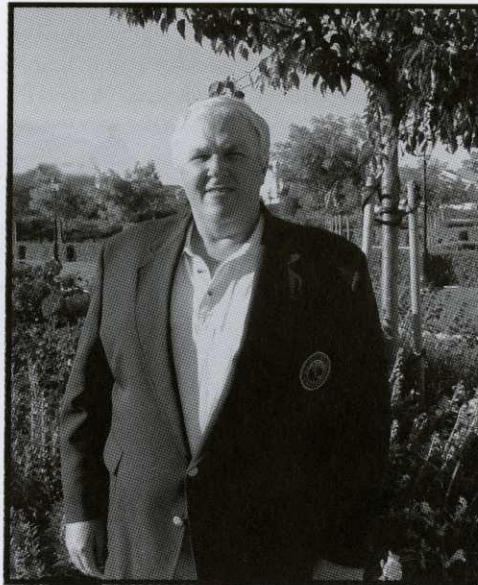
President's Message

By Gary Carls, CGCS

On January 23rd Sunnyvale Golf Course will host the 2001 GCSANC Annual Meeting. We will be electing new officers and directors and voting on a by-law change that, if passed, will allow the affiliate representatives to the board a vote during board meetings. I hope everyone has a chance to attend or submit a proxy for this meeting. Because of traffic concerns, we have scheduled the meeting registration to start at 9:00 a.m. with the actual meeting starting at 10:00 a.m. This means we will face a tight schedule to get out on the golf course by 12:15 p.m. so we can finish before dark. Please plan to get to the meeting as early as possible so things will run on schedule.

As I look back over the past few years, I think GCSANC has come a long way. There are many great memories to cherish and I'm sure many more to come. My personal highlights included the 65th Anniversary meeting in 1997, establishing a formal Media Program in 1999 and becoming chapter president in 2000. I am also proud that our chapter has continued to produce quality educational programs for its members. Our Annual Institute and now our Field Day are recognized at the national level as examples of quality education produced at a chapter level. I know in the future that education will continue to be a prime focus of GCSANC.

It is hard to believe that my year as GCSANC president is near its end. Since this is my last President's message I want to say some final words about those that have supported me over the years. I want to thank my employer, the City of



Sunnyvale, who has supported my involvement and time commitment to GCSANC this past year. They allowed me the time away from my job to perform my required duties as GCSANC president. They also recognized the value of my being involved and the future benefits it brings to their organization. January 23rd also marks my 1st anniversary with the City of Sunnyvale and I look forward to many more years to come.

The past year has been all that I expected it would be and more. I want to thank the membership of GCSANC for entrusting me with this position for the past year. It was a great opportunity to get out and meet many of our members. It has also been a great opportunity these past 4 years to be involved with the GCSANC Board of Directors and the many members who have served during that time. One of the best parts about being involved is the many friendships that develop at the board level that otherwise would probably never have occurred. I know the future of our organization will be in good hands in the

years to come with these fine individuals at the helm. I look forward to serving this year with the board as past president.

I especially want to thank those who trusted in me and asked me to become involved many years ago. To Randy Gai CGCS and Rich Lavine CGCS, thanks for asking. Barb Mikel, thanks for your patience over the

years in helping us all run this organization and keeping us all in line. Thanks to those presidents I served under, Joe Rodriguez CGCS and Blake

Swint for their dedication to GCSANC. I will always be indebted to Dave Davies CGCS, my predecessor for his help over the years. Working with Dave for the past 4 years has been a great experience for me. Dave taught me a lot about running an organization like GCSANC and was always there when I needed an answer.

I know GCSANC will be in good hands next year with Bob Costa, CGCS as president. Bob is one of the most dedicated individuals I have ever known. He will continue to lead GCSANC forward and develop strong media relationships for our group. I look forward to a strong 2001 for GCSANC.

Best Wishes to all for a successful 2001.
Gary



President Carls tries to thread a shot down #12 at Rancho