



Candidate for President Bob Costa, CGCS

Never having aspired to serve as President of the GCSANC, I am somewhat awed to be nominated to serve as the leader of this association. In fact, had it not been for the persuasive powers of past president Dave Davies, I would have been content to relinquish my role as a Board member, at the January Annual meeting, and resume my status as a Class A member.

When I began my Board service in 1995, my interest was to assist President Rich Lavine. I felt we needed to provide quality services to our membership and to develop programs that would advance our profession. Through the collective efforts of those who have served with me, I am pleased to say that many of those goals we established have been realized.

During my tenure as a GCSANC Board member, I have gained valuable experience and knowledge while serving as the chairman of several committees, as well as Newsletter Editor, Media Director, Chapter Delegate, and member of GCSAA's Public Relations and Publication committees.

If I am elected as the 62nd President of the GCSANC, I will be asked to perform a new task that is of leader of this association. My goal will be a simple one, to create value for each and every member. With the assistance of a dedicated group of board members, I propose to identify the needs of each member group and strive to develop monthly events and programs that satisfy those needs. One member group that I am particularly interested in reaching is our Class C, Assistant Superintendents.

With the support of the membership and what will soon be a new Board, I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead and the opportunity to shape and direct the future of our association.

Naumann's NorCal News

Chuck Mustain has left Rancho Del Pueblo Golf Course in San Jose and is now working in another industry. Chuck's replacement has yet to be named....**Ray Leyland** has accepted the Superintendent position at Napa Municipal Golf Course. Ray is replacing **Jedd Noonkester** who has moved on to another position at Sonoma Mission Inn Golf Course with **Mark Bunte**....**Ray Davies** was recently named one of the most influential people in golf by Golfdom Magazine. Ray is the Superintendent at Crystal Springs Golf Course and is also charged with maintenance for all of the CourseCo managed golf courses. Both Rancho Del Pueblo and Napa Muni are CourseCo managed. Congratulations to Ray....

Candidate for Vice President Jeff Shafer

As the Secretary – Treasurer for the past year, I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors. Having now served one year, I respect even more those whom have served before me, and have given their own time to this association. Additionally, I am deeply grateful to Barb Mikel, our Association Manager, for her steadfast dedication to the membership.

As a candidate for Vice President, I offer my continued time and effort to strengthen this chapter. As you may be aware, I am currently participating in the first Chapter Leadership Institute through the GCSAA. This 16-month program was established to strengthen the leadership abilities of the 17 individual participants throughout the USA and to strengthen the local chapters through assigning individual challenges for each association. For the next several years, I hope to be given the opportunity to work towards the goals of improving monthly meetings and membership participation. A plan, with specific goals, will be presented in an upcoming newsletter. I look forward to not only challenging you to challenge me, but I'd also like to see you challenge yourself to step up and make a difference in our chapter.

Thank you once again for your support and I hope this coming year brings you continued success.

Office Notes

By Barbara Mikel

Happy New Year! 2001 is here so where's "Hal"? The futuristic representations of "2001 a Space Odyssey" aren't entirely upon us yet. We aren't traveling in "magnet" shoes to far off planets this year but each time I get on the Internet I know it can't be too far off!

During this "slower" time of the year I receive calls about "education" and "green keeping" classes. Many call asking for a "quick" entry to the profession. Most just don't know where to begin a search for information regarding careers in the golf management business. I usually receive these calls from those who have worked on the course in some capacity but don't have any idea of "how to become a superintendent". Some are from institutional sources (job rehab counselors) looking for information. Some are from high school seniors. Most aren't looking for a four year college program. Some are looking for job information.

GCSAA provides a wealth of information on career educational opportunities. Online access to the Career Development section provides all kinds of information. A good written reference available for purchase is the GCSAA College Guide. It's organized by state and has listings from professional certificate program to doctorate degrees. There are several "certificate" programs in California. University of California Riverside offers a Certificate in Turfgrass Management and Landscape Management in the Southern California Region. If you're interested, give me a call.