



## President's Message

By Jeff Shafer

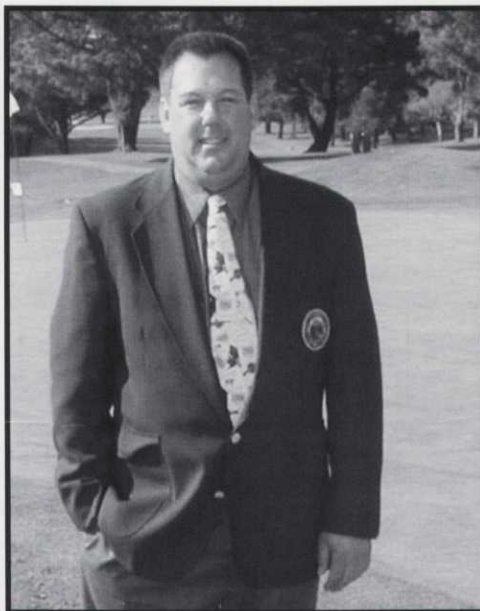
### Priorities

**B**y now most of you have completed your spring aerification and are getting prepared for the warmer days and months ahead. Of course this brings on those longer work summer hours and stressful days. However, please take the time necessary to be with those that mean the most to you. For some of you that means your wife, family and friends; for others that means your Harley, fishing pole or dog. What ever it is, take time to be away from the stress of our profession. Put your faith first, health second, family third and your job somewhere after that. Without the first three, is your job really that important? A good opportunity to involve your family in the pleasures of your job is the upcoming, "Take Your Daughter to the Course Week," July 8 - 14. Several superintendents who took the time to do this last year very much enjoyed the experience.

*"We cannot change the direction of the wind... but we can adjust the sails."* Anonymous

### Monthly Meetings

Please make every effort to attend and



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support the association and those superintendents who host a meeting. Last year, the Board elected to eliminate our local May meetings so everyone would have a greater chance to attend the State Meeting held the same month. This year the event is in Palm Springs and the education and golf are first class. In June we have the annual Superintendent - Professional - Affiliate event at Mayacama Golf Club. Mike Hill is working very hard on getting that event organized so

please mark your calendars. For the assistants, we are also working hard on securing a venue and date for the Assistant's Meeting in July. Last year was the first year and attendance was great. Thanks to those that are helping out on the committees this year.

### Code of Ethics

Golf by its roots is made up of a game where the individual enforces the rules. This same formula should be adhered to when it comes to our Code of Ethics. Whether it's going to play golf at another course, looking for a job or any other situation involving the association or our fellow members, please make every effort to ensure that these guidelines are followed. If you are not sure, please check your Membership Directory where the Code is listed. And please, do not hesitate to ask someone about the proper protocol. This industry is far to tightly knit to burn any bridges along the way.

Remember...

*"The mind is the greatest weapon, the greatest club in your bag."* Steve Elkington

*"A real champion is somebody who can act like a gentleman and perform like a gentleman when things are not going well."* Peter Jacobsen

## Office Notes

By Barb Mikel

**O**ur thanks go out to all of you using those membership applications! P.J. Spellman II is keeping busy sorting them out!

Please take a minute to look at the two forms. The form with the "attester signature" lines is for new members. The form without the attester signature lines is for change of membership classification. If you fill out the incorrect form, it will only delay the process! A reminder to



all superintendent members, unless you joined before the affiliation agreement between GCSAA and the chapters, you must

be a member of both a local chapter and the national chapter.

It is membership directory time again. Sponsorship slots are available for those of you wishing to support your association by listing your company in the directory. The membership survey indicates the newsletter is

read by 99% of our members.

Your exposure is very high. Recent comparisons of other associations find our

advertising rates extremely affordable. The back page and five section pages of the directory are available. Prices are listed in your "Thru the Green" Sponsorship brochure. If you can't find it, give me a call! Seems like we all get more "computer generated calls" than any one human can or wants to answer. We would like to make sure members can keep in touch with each other. This is one reason your directory is only circulated to members and we do not sell our mailing list.

On another note, U.C. Davis publishes an interesting journal called "Growing Points." Various contributors present interesting articles on Environmental Horticulture research. Contact Linda Dodge, Managing Editor Environmental Horticulture Dept., University of California (530) 752-8419 fax (530) 752-1819 e-mail: <http://envhort.ucdavis.edu>