



California Happenings Update

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Over the past few months a lot has been happening both locally and statewide. I thought I would briefly update the status of some of those items.

The Economic Impact Study undertaken by the state association and several other allied organizations is nearing completion. This study will be used as a tool to help emphasize the important economic impact our facilities have on the overall California economy. Many thanks go out to Jeff Shafer, Jim Husting and Ted Horton and many others for making this study become a reality. There will be a brief presentation about the study at the CGCSA State Meeting in Indian Wells.

Speaking of Indian Wells, the State Meeting will be held May 19-21 at the Hyatt Grand Champions Resort with golf at the prestigious La Quinta CC. The focus of the meeting will be "Water Management" and it should be a great event for all hosted by the Hi-Lo Association. The meeting site looked great during our recent CGCSA BOD visit.

Thanks to your efforts, California Fairways magazine should begin arriving in a timelier manner. Due to the great response in returning the signed subscription cards, the magazine now qualifies for 2nd class

mailing.

This next item may be of special interest to those in the East Bay. The Oakland Education Initiative is a cooperative program to bring turfgrass education to students at Castlemont High School and Merritt College in Oakland. Over the past year several groups including representatives from CourseCo, Lake Chabot Golf Course, GCSANC, Peralta Community College District and Castlemont High School have been working to develop a program to promote careers in turfgrass management. Several guest speakers from the field have lectured at Castlemont High School and the first new course developed at Merritt College will debut later this month. The course, "Recreational and Sports Turf Management Seminar" is a general introduction into careers in turf and will be taught for three Saturdays beginning April 27. Ray Davies CGCS and myself will be the instructors for the course.

Lastly I want to recognize those from our chapter who have given of their time to represent us on GCSAA Committees and on GCSAA programs at Conference and Show. They all do a great job representing our chapter on the national stage. I apologize in

advance if I miss anyone.

Ray Davies, CGCS and Vince Keats both did excellent presentations as part of the educational programs in Orlando. Dr. Ali Harivandi continues to teach his popular seminar, "Reclaimed Water Irrigation." Ted Horton, CGCS also instructs the "Golf Course Safety, Security and Risk Management" seminar with Robert Hedburg from Salinas CC. Representing GCSANC on committees this past year were Cliff Waggoner CGCS, Ted Horton CGCS, Ray Davies CGCS, Patrick Finlen CGCS, Bob Costa CGCS, Gary Carls CGCS, Rogelio Martinez, Richard Lavine CGCS and Tim Sedgley CGCS. Many of these individuals have served our chapter for years on various national committees. Serving on these committees means even more time away from family to work on behalf of our fellow members. Thank you to this group and those who have served before.

Lastly, a big THANKS to those that take the time to serve on the GCSANC Board of Directors. The commitment of many individuals over the years is what has kept GCSANC strong. ♣

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