

Monterey and GCSANC Proved to be Great Hosts for the 2003 CGCSA Annual Meeting...

By Gary K. Carls CGCS

Last month the GCSANC hosted one of the best California Golf Course Superintendents meetings ever held. The weather was spectacular and the Monterey Peninsula shined like only it can. Over 220 members from throughout the state made the trip to Monterey and I'm sure they all enjoyed the visit.

On Sunday evening there was a reception at the beautiful Monterey Bay Aquarium and great food and conversation were had by all. Over 200 people visited the aquarium. The door-to-door shuttle service from the hotels made the trip easy for all. Our group had access to major portions of the aquarium and got a chance to tour through one of the best aquariums in North America. For those that have never been, I would highly recommend a visit on your next trip to Monterey.

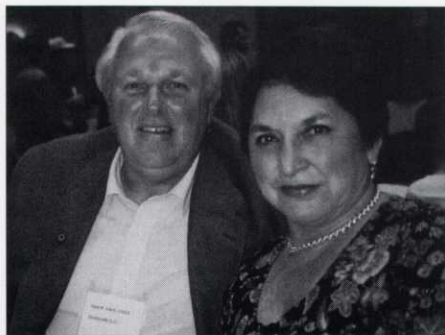
On Monday the Double Tree Hotel in Monterey was the site of the CGCSA Annual Meeting and an all-day educational seminar. The new State officers were elected for the coming year and will be Jessie Creencia CGCS, President, Nancy Dickens CGCS, Vice-President and Pat Finlen CGCS, Secretary/Treasurer. I'm certain they will all do a great job for our state chapter. The morning portion of the education seminar started with an update on the GCSAA PDI implementation by Hannes Combest from GCSAA. The remainder of the morning focused on various research information from several speakers from throughout California. The afternoon session was devoted to discussing salt affected turfgrass sites with Dr. Robert Carrow from the University of Georgia. As water becomes a scarcer resource in the future, strict conservation measures will become an even bigger issue for most of us in California.

On Monday evening over 45 vendors displayed their products in a small trade show at the hotel. They were in direct competition with a beautiful Monterey evening and most made a quick visit to the trade show and headed off to see the town. It is very important that you please support those vendors who regularly support our local chapter and state chapter functions. Without the support of these vendors, much of what we were able to do in Monterey would never be able to happen.

Tuesday morning brought out the sun and over 130 players to the Bayonet Golf Course for the CGCSA John Deere Golf Championship. After a light morning breakfast, players teed it up and enjoyed a great round of golf and cheer. Tom Bevan and his staff had the course in spectacular shape and we couldn't have asked for better conditions for golf. After golf, lunch was provided and golf prizes were awarded. Southern California GCSA members Sam Williamson CGCS and Bruce Williams CGCS were the gross and net division winners among the superintendents. The remaining golf results are listed on **page 4** of this newsletter.

Next year the Southern California chapter will host CGCSA Annual Meeting and I urge everyone to attend. It is truly a great opportunity to meet and spend a few days with your fellow superintendents from throughout California. As the outgoing State

President, I also want to thank my local chapter and all those individuals who worked to make this a great event. A lot of hard work and planning go into making this event work and it takes a lot more coordination than a regular monthly meeting. I know everyone on the GCSANC BOD put effort into this and it really showed in the end. It set a new standard for what we all hope this meeting will be in years to come.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Bob Lopic, CGCS
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I want to thank all of the people who worked so hard to put on a very successful State meeting. If you did not have a chance to attend, I encourage you to do so next year. The educational and social opportunities are exceptional.

Our publication schedule is such that you are probably back from Diablo Grande GC for the Superintendent/Pro event.

Next up is the Assistant Superintendent meeting July 28th at La Rinconada CC, followed by the Scholarship and Research Tournament August 11th at Eagle Ridge. Once again, these events are open to all membership classes.

As you mark your calendar for the upcoming events this year, please consider bringing along either a current member who has not been active in our events, or a guest that you want to introduce to our association.

This is our best chance at increasing participation and continuing the growth of our association. There is nothing stronger than the "personal touch".

Your current Board of Directors needs to hear from you. Please take the time to bring issues that are important to you to these people. Use the phone, E-mail, State web site, Newsletter or smoke signal to get your concerns in front of us. Your Board generally meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month. If you are interested in attending, you are most welcome. Please contact Barbara Mikel or myself for the exact time and location.

I wish you all continued success as we head into the heat of summer and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.