

# Board Room Briefs

By Vince Keats

## Committees and Programs

- **Institute November 10 – 11 at Aptos Seascape.**
- **Annual Meeting** – Would like to use a format similar to the PGA annual meeting held in Reno for our annual meeting in January.
- **Holiday Party – December 5.** Golf will be at Quail Lodge. Dinner will be at the Monterey Beach Hotel with a “Mystery Dinner Theater” format.

## Education & Institute

- Discount for the assistant superintendent registration was discussed. Offering the discount in the past has not been successful because event costs were not covered and attendance has not shown a dramatic increase because of it. As a result the BOD has decided to discontinue the discount.
- DBD Structures will once again sponsor this event. There will be no long term sponsorship agreement with DBD.

## Research

- **Anguina nematode research** – Progress reports will be sent to contributors of this project in November, December and March.
- **Golf Course certification for irrigation** – Another step to promote golf courses as “better stewards of the water environment.” The NCGA wants to partner with the Center for Irrigation Technology to standardize efficiency testing for pumps. NCGA is applying for a \$12,500 grant to do this. The NCGA has requested the association to pledge some matching funds for this grant. The BOD will decide at the October meeting.

## GCSAA

Chapter delegate's meeting took place on September 6 & 7 in Kansas City, MO. Among topics discussed were: the organizational audit, chapter GCSAA affiliation agreement, GCSAA committee selection process and the headquarters location process. Candidate speeches for Board of Directors and officers were also given. Gary Carls, CGCS, made his speech for director.



**Aptos Seascape CC** in Monterey, California



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Bob Lopic**, CGCS  
Orinda Country Club

I'm not sure about you, but my season is winding down and none too soon! It has been a season of strange weather, high disease pressure and I believe we all have felt the effect of the economy.

So if you are ready for some relief, please plan on attending our next couple of events. The Institute is scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> in Aptos at Seascape GC. We will have a full day of education (with CE points pending) and a great day of golf. If the pressure of the economy has beaten you up, the morning educational session should give you some ideas to help you on both a business and a personal level. The afternoon sessions will offer the insights of Dr. Bruce Clark and Dr. Dean Mosdell on disease and Poa management. The second day is a chance to relax and golf with friends. For those of us who have a hard time coming up for air, this is a great chance to recharge.

The annual Holiday Party follows our established format of golf in the morning at Quail Lodge in Monterey with a return to a traditional sit down dinner in the evening at the Monterey Beach Hotel. We will include some “dinner theater” for entertainment. Although you will be the “stars” of the night, there will be plenty of time to sit and talk with friends and music as well. Start marking your calendar for this event on December 5<sup>th</sup>. This should be a wonderful evening. Bring your family.

I keep closing this column with the same sentiment. I'm either old, stuck in my ways, or it might really be important. Take time to remember your friends and family. Our jobs consume so much of our time that its easy to loose what is really dear to us. I have found that I must actually schedule this time as I would schedule work on the course to make it happen. Do whatever it takes. Just do it.

Take care, Bob