

Board Room Briefs

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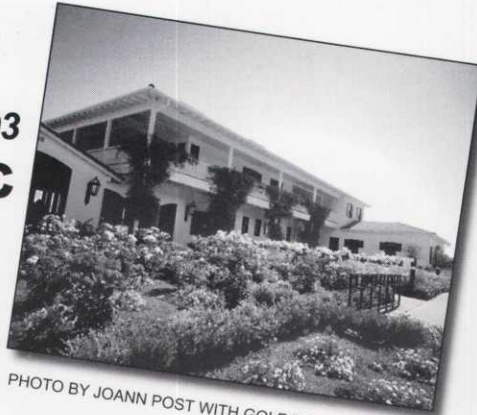


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Research

- The NCGA is conducting a study on the Anguina nematode. This study consists of taking current pesticide products and testing for phytotoxicity on Poa annua greens in conjunction with control of the Anguina nematode. GCSANC has made a \$2000 donation to the NCGA for this study.

Public Relations

- On the occasion of his retirement, Mulkh Raj, CGCS, was honored by the GCSANC, GCSAA and The City of Livermore. A proclamation was presented to Mr. Raj for his 37 years of service to the golf industry.
- Guest Bob Costa reported on the status of the Allied Association, a group that includes the Club Managers Association of America (CMAA), PGA, LPGA, etc. The Allied Association's focus is on water issues as they effect the golf industry in California. The group is taking a pro-active approach to disseminating information to the public and state legislature. The Allied Association wants to be a resource to show how the golf industry manages its water. Costa has been appointed by the board to be the GCSANC liaison to this group.
- Costa also presented an idea from Emmy Moore Minister about educating the public about golf. The idea includes setting up information displays at public libraries that would include a section devoted to golf course maintenance. The board favored the concept.

GCSAA Associated Chapter Business

- PDI officially took effect on July 1, 2003.
- Gary Carls announced that he is a candidate for the Board of Directors. His announcement has been accepted by GCSAA.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Bob Lopic, CGCS
 Orinda Country Club

Dick Howe, a good friend to many, was killed in a tragic accident recently. We knew him both as a superintendent and later on as a representative for John Deere. We pass on our heart-felt sympathy to his family and while we mourn the loss of a friend, we celebrate his life by remembering all that this wonderful man meant to us.

On a lighter note, there are some exciting events coming up in our schedule. Hopefully they can help to relieve some of the stress of a long summer. By now you should have received the special mailer about our Staff Appreciation Baseball Game on September 11th. It's the A's vs. the Angels and should be a great game. Be sure you bring out some or all of your staff members. None of us get the job done without the support of our staff, so this is a nice way to say, "Thank you!"

Our Joint Meeting with the Sierra Nevada GCSA is October 20th at Blackhawk CC. We will again play a team event for some bragging rights. This meeting is always fun for all and a chance to see some of our buddies from the east.

It is not too early to note that our Institute Meeting will be November 10th and 11th at Aptos Seascape this year. We have a great program planned. It is a great way to accumulate education points as well as a chance to play and relax with friends.

Please take the time to call a friend and touch base. We sometimes get so caught up in our work that we forget about the people who give our lives meaning. Bring a buddy to a meeting and share him or her with the rest of us. We will all benefit.

Take care, Bob