Strictly Business



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San Diego was great! Hopefully, the GCSAA Convention and Show will return more frequently to this venue. I was only there Wednesday and Thursday. returning to the "hills" of El Dorado County Friday. Fortunately, we (Wayne and I) had excellent flying weather both directions. It isn't often you can fly from El Dorado County direct to San Diego County with clear skies and a tailwind in both directions. The Los Angles basin was clear due to winds the previous few days so we could see the entire area. The only green belts in that area are so obvious you can clearly see they are either large golf courses or large cemeteries. I have always wondered what the migratory birds do in those areas, so the opportunity to speak with both Joellen Zeh of Audubon International and Dave Weineke of the USGA gave me some answers. The need for Audubon Sanctuaries is obvious for the southern part of the state. The Northern California regions have large migratory habitat in the north & central valley thanks to the efforts of Fish & Game, National Wife Federation, Central Valley Farmers and groups like Ducks Unlimited, But not all the migratory routes are down the central valley. For more information about the program the USGA Web site www.usqa.org or Audubon International www.audubonint.org are two very usefully tools for the Cooperative Sanctuary System.

The Chapter Managers session was held in San Diego on Thursday. This is a great opportunity to meet other chapter executives and GCSAA staff. PDI implementation, External Education, and Membership issues were the highlighted topics. An afternoon Career Form was so popular it was "standing room only." Actually, people were even standing outside the room. This seminar needs a larger venue next year. The California Hospitality Suite capped Thursday night with a HUGE crowd from the all across the Golden State.

Special congratulations go out to Gary Carls, CGCS who now sits on another Board of Directors, the national GCSAA. Having worked with Gary for many years on the local Board, I have absolutely no doubt the job will be "well done" in Kansas. Congratulations also go out to Sean A. Hoolehan, CGCS elected Secretary/Treasurer as well as Mark Woodward, CGCS, President.

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