



OFFICE NOTES

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The Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California is entering its 74th year as a golf organization. How does a volunteer, not-for-profit organization continue for so long where other corporations fail? The answer is people - and their commitment - plain and simple. Their membership, leadership, and commitment to this organization and industry are absolutely wonderful.

Each year the Board of Directors and the Elections Committee bring new vitality to the organization. Members with busy schedules, families and other interests still find time to "give back." If you want to participate, don't wait to be invited. After all, it is your organization. Step forward and run for the Board of Directors, or help by signing up for a Committee (listed in your directory.)

You can serve the GCSANC membership in other ways as well. Offering your club to host a meeting, participating in GCSANC sponsored research, writing an article for "Thru the Green", or responding to "survey questions" etc. So step forward, both you and your organization will be a lot better for it!



#4 at The Links at Bodega Bay Harbour

## Joe Rodriguez Retires



After twenty-six years, Joe Rodriguez retired at the end of August from the Rossmoor Golf Course. Hired as the landscape manager, he accepted the superintendent's position when the previous superintendent left. "When I first came here, I thought of it as temporary position," he said reflecting on his years in Rossmoor. "I found I really enjoyed being a golf course superintendent. There are a lot of good people in the community."

During his years at Rossmoor, Joe was very active in the GCSANC. In 1990, Joe was named the Superintendent of the Year of the Northern California chapter. He also received a Distinguished Service Award in 2001 for his services to the chapter. Joe served two terms as president in 1990 and was drafted again in 1996, only one of three two-term presidents. He also served many years on the board and other committees.

In 1996, Rossmoor and Joe were recognized by the GCSAA for an Environmental Service Award.

Before coming to Rossmoor, Joe was in charge of landscape for Contra Costa County. He has a degree in horticulture from Diablo Valley College and in business management from St. Mary's College.

Joe has plenty to keep him busy during his retirement; "I'm retiring from Rossmoor, not from life." A 24-handicap golfer, Joe plans to golf, travel, spend time with his family and work on his landscape business.