## Strictly Business



**Barb Mikel**, GCSANC Association Manager

The Bert Graves Memorial Scholarship Tornament was once again a huge success. The functions raised over \$11,000.00 net for Scholarship & Research. Many thanks to the Scholarship Committee (Greg Fenald, Len Tallo, Mike Hill and Gill Stiles) for all the hard work. "Kudos" to the affiliate membership for your wonderful support of this event. Golf starting on time (what a first) thanks to the effort of Gill and his pro staff. I couldn't believe I saw the last cart leave at 10:05!

Greg and crew certainly had the Auction and raffle "organized." I usually leave the course and return for the after-golf events. This year I walked into the banquet room at Santa Rosa (good job on that one too) to find everyone seated and almost finished with post-game food and beverage! I bet you could see the surprise on my face!

The Santa Rosa Golf & Country Club demonstrated they could handle any emergency we threw at them! Len Tallo placidly sat at the table next to me to "hand in his homework" and politely announced he wasn't feeling well. I looked up to see a very ashen face and asked, "How not too well do you feel?" His sensible response, "Not good at all, I think you should call the paramedics," was all that was needed for all to go into action. Downstairs, the paramedics were called Gill and Stan Korich, Club Manager of Santa Rosa Golf & Country Club returned to take charge. Portable oxygen in place and instructions to "Lie down and get comfortable," found Len on the floor with pillows, people and a VERY SHORT wait for the Santa Rosa paramedics. Off to the hospital for emergency "repair" and Len is now "tuned up" and back at work. We should be thankful and proud of this entire event!

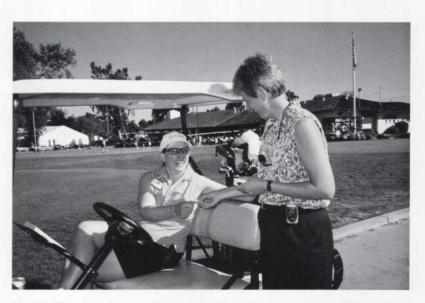
You will probably get two "Thru the Green" back-to-back this time. The change of publishers had delayed the first issue with the new publisher. Hopefully the MAC vs. Microsoft war is over and we will be back on schedule with the publication. Our apologies for the delay and the "delayed news."

Job notices are being handled quite economically via email and faxes. A few are still being mailed but I hope to deplete that number shortly. It certainly gives the "competitive edge" when you can receive the notices the same day they are forwarded to the office. ONCE AGAIN. If you want to receive these notices via email then email that information to gcsanc@e-easi.net if you wish them faxed to you, fax me your request and fax number. My computer stores the information without "human intervention" making for a more accurate recording of the email and fax information.

A Strategic Planning session was facilitated by Hannes Combest, CAE of GCSAA, July 30, 2004. A draft of that session was discussed at the board of directors meeting August 25, 2004. Look forward to membership input once finalized. It's an opportunity for you to have input to the direction of your association for the next 10 years. Membership issues, dues, types of activities will be "on the table." Stay tuned.



The women were all smiles after receiving ball mark repair tools supplied by the GCSANC. The tools were handed out on the first tee to all juniors and adults playing in the Swing Fore Girls Mentoring Tournament held in Sacramento, CA. The event was a joint effort between the First Tee and the Executive Women's Golf Association.



(Left) Tyra Jarvis, National President of the Executive Women's Golf Association accepts a GCSANC Ball Mark Repair Tool from Carol Pence, PGA Growth of the Game Advocate. While on hand for the Swing Fore Girls Mentoring Tournament, Pence distributed GCSANC repair tools to all of the tournament participants. According to Pence, the tools were very well received by both junior and adult players alike.