Barb Mikel,
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Congratulations and welcome to the incoming GCSANC officers and directors for 2005. I don't think I've ever had four new board members! I look forward to all that new energy!

GCSANC & the NCGA
The handicapping database for GCSANC members is now resident in the GCSANC office and updates directly via the internet. If you need to establish/transfer/change your NCGA membership data please contact me during business hours. The transfer was done in November 2004 to accomplish the "paperless" handicapping system implemented by the NCGA. You will probably receive a notification of the "last card" provided from the NCGA. Keep good track of it! You need your membership number which appears on the card for score posting. Questions should still be directed to the NCGA since I am by no means in any way a source of accurate information regarding the finer points of golf handicapping!

GCSANC and GCSAA
I have just returned from the GCSAA GOLF INDUSTRY SHOW. It was a great opportunity for me to see the equipment and supply side of the industry as well as attend Affiliated Chapter Managers sessions with association managers from around the country. I really enjoyed the education/solution centers. GCSANC Media Consultant Emmy Moore-Minister setup a taping session next to the "Building of a Green" section on the trade show floor. I am looking forward to seeing some of the tape sessions done there. Many thanks to Emmy for her tireless efforts to advance and explain the professional functions superintendents bring to the golf industry. Clifford and Myrtle Wagoner celebrated the 50th Conference & Show attendance this year. After walking the Orange County Convention Center for four days, I can't imagine how the first GCSAA Conference and Show compares to this one. Neither can I imagine how Cliff and Myrtle managed the schedule they have at the conference! Congratulations on the 50th Anniversary.

GCSANC and the California GCSC
If you haven't seen the "new look" to the California GCSC web site I suggest you give it a try www.californiagcsa.org Bob Tillema, CGCS has done a great "remake" of the web site. Congratulations to Patrick R. Finlen, CGCS on his selection as President of the CGCSA. I have no doubts he will bring his considerable talents and service to the industry to the CGCSA. Pat's tireless service to the industry has historical roots in Kansas with Heart of America GCSC. I remember a conversation with Gary K. Carls, CGCS regarding Pat's recruitment to the GCSANC board of directors when Pat was at Bayonet & Black Horse GC.

GCSANC & 75 Years
It's not long until 2007. So, you say what's special about that? GCSANC will be 75 years old in 2007. We celebrated the 65th and it's not too early to start planning for a VERY SPECIAL 75TH. Ideas and suggestions welcomed!
Doug Ayers has accepted the superintendent position at Corral de Tierra CC in Salinas. Doug had been the assistant superintendent to Bob Zoller at Monterey Peninsula G & CC. Doug is replacing P. J. Spellman. Lake Merced G& CC has been busy as of late. They have just finished completion of a new clubhouse. While doing this, they gave Lou Tonelli his Taj Mahal...a new maintenance shop. It was moved to a new location so no one has to drive through the golf course to access it. Due to cost constraints, there is no "Salesman Lounge" as was previously planned. Roddy Ranch GC has been sold to a new group. Bernie Holloway has been and will remain there as superintendent. Rick Visser from Sierra Pacific Turf Supply was recently named National Serviceman of the Year for Rainbird Golf. Ryan Zuelsdorff has accepted the superintendent position at Mountain House GC. Mountain House is a new facility in the Altamont Pass. John Martin at Contra Costa CC is a little warmer these days. He recently completed a renovation of his maintenance shop. In addition to new offices, all equipment is now stored indoors.