

## The Pause That Refreshes

Fall has arrived and with it a time for us to catch our breath from a busy summer. While there is still plenty of work to do, fall offers us a time to refresh, recharge and relax. I hope you have the chance to rest and spend some time with family and friends. You deserve it.

## Tune-up Your Skills

Fall also offers a great time for you to enhance your professional skills. There are several opportunities to do so in the coming months. The Superintendent's Institute at Aptos/Seascape, November 14th and 15th, is our premiere educational session. The Institute is a fun event. The education sessions are always first rate with great speakers and lively panel discussions. Enjoy the companionship and chance to share ideas with your peers. Take advantage of a full day of education and enjoy a round of golf the following day. Other chances for education include the GCSAA/GCSANC Regional Seminars in January and the Golf Industry Show in February. This February you may want to attend the Northern California Landscape and Turf Council Conference at the Santa Clara Convention Center. Featured speakers at the conference include Terry Grasso, CGCS and Dave Davies, CGCS.

## Hurricane Relief

The wake of Hurricane Katrina left many in need. At our September meeting, the Board of Directors voted to donate \$1,000 to GCSAA's Environmental Institute of Golf through Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief. This money will go directly to "our affected members and facilities" in need. A major portion of this donation came from our quarterly check from the C.L. Bryant Fuel Rebate Program. The balance was made up from our general fund. Thank you to all who helped make this donation possible.

## Take Me Out...

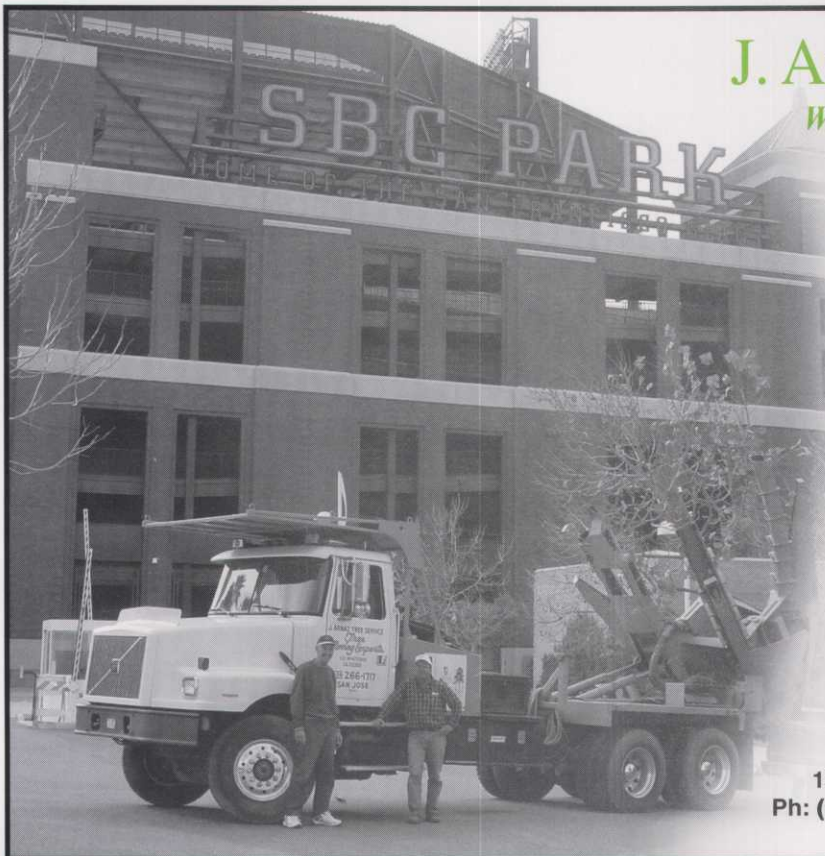
Crew Appreciation Day at the Oakland Coliseum was a great success. There were 114 present to enjoy spectacular sunshine, fabulous food and a grand game with the Oakland A's. Thank you to Clay Wood, Todd Lyijynen, Geoff Plovanich, and Gill Stiles for all your hard work.

Thank you to William Hamilton, CGCS and Silverado Country Club for hosting the annual GCSANC/SNGCSA joint meeting and John Pina for arranging the Sunday reception at Pina Cellars in Rutherford.

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**Vince Keats, CGCS**  
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OFFICE NOTES

**Barb Mikel,**  
GCSANC Association Manager

Congratulations to Harding Park Superintendent, Pat Macaulay and all involved in the VERY successful American Express Championship. The media coverage in the Sacramento/El Dorado region was just great. Broadcast coverage was unanimously positive on the renovation project leading to the current tournament course conditions.

Ever wonder where you would find the label and material safety data sheet on a product, or the latest on the H-2B visa program, or USERRA at 3:00 A.M.?

The GCSAA Web site <http://www.gcsaa.org> is always open for business. Visit the Resource Tab in Compliance and Super Tools for a wealth of concise practical information and governmental compliance. In About GCSAA, under The Governance Tab, you can get details regarding the financial health of your professional organization. The Key Strategic Meetings tab will tell you what your leadership is considering for the future of the organization. The Environmental Institute for Golf tab will lead you to "EDGE," an excellent source for best management practices and case studies on environmental topics. Browse by topics by areas, item types, titles, authors or locations, covering: Water Management, Integrated Plant Management, Wildlife Management, Golf Course Siting Design and Construction, and Energy Conservation and Waste Management. The GCSAA Web site is vast and there is something of interest for everybody!

The GCSAA recently provided Affiliate Chapter Managers a "web cast" tour of the GCSAA web site. We spent an hour touring the site and still left many resources unexplored! If you are interested in an online tour, drop me an e-mail. It's time well spent discovering the resources provided by your professional association membership.

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