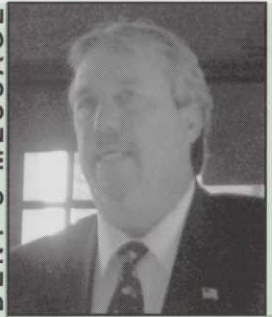


PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Gill Stiles**  
Santa Rosa Golf & CC

I hope everyone was able to keep their sanity and their turf during the record setting high temps we encountered. This year has kept us on our toes with the record rains in the spring and the record temps the summer.

I would like to thank everyone that contributed clubs for our troops at the Sonoma Tournament. We collected over 20 complete sets of clubs and many miscellaneous clubs and boxes of golf balls. We are working with the personnel at Travis A.F.B. to get them shipped overseas. We will post pictures in our next issue.

Our association is approached regularly by many worthwhile organizations asking for financial contributions. The Board of Directors struggles with how to contribute to such organizations as The First Tee, The Junior Golf Associations and others while still working within a limited budget. The BOD feels that it is important for the GCSANC to be involved and seen, as a contributor to the game of golf and by helping groups like these is one way we can achieve this goal. The board of directors has decided to create special fund, a "Benevolent Fund" which will be funded completely on a volunteer basis by our membership. By contributing to this fund, our association will be able to continue to play an important part in growing the game, by having resources to help these worthwhile groups. On your next dues renewal notice you will see an "opt in" box. By checking this box, \$5.00 will automatically be added to your dues to fund this program. You will have the option of contributing more than \$5.00 if you chose. The GCSANC is seen as leader in the game of golf and our support of the game is important to us all.

September is our annual joint meeting with Sierra Nevada. This year we will be at beautiful Saddle Creek Resort. Hope to see you there!

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