

We are well into the New Year and we are gearing up for a great one! This is our 75th year and plans are under way for grand celebration.

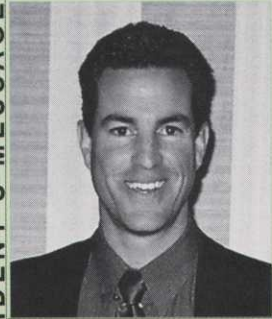
Congratulations to our new and returning Board members; Brian Netz, CGCS, Vice President, Chris Mains, Secretary/Treasurer, Gill Stiles, Past President, Directors Thomas Bastis, CGCS, Steve Byrne, Brian Morris, CGCS, Pete Bowman, CGCS, and Craig Zellers. I appointed Andy Tittle to a one-year term to fill the vacancy of the 4th Director's position. Once again we have a very talented team to lead us this year.

The five areas that I will be focusing on this year are:

1. Communication – There is always room for improvement in this area and our Association is no exception. We will continue using modern technology to publicize as much information as possible. If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact one of the Board members.
2. Events – Continue to analyze each event and verify that it is meeting the membership's needs (i.e., PDI units, DPR hours, etc.) We need to engage as many members as possible.
3. Strategic Plan – This is our "road map" for the Association and is a living document. The plan will be updated as the Association adjusts to members needs. We will have detailed SOP's written for each Committee this year.
4. Allied Associations – Continue building our working relationships with all of our fellow association (i.e. NCGA, PGA, CMAA, NGCOA, etc.)
5. Camaraderie – This has been the key to our success for the past 74 years. The members of this Association have a wealth of information and are each willing to share their knowledge with one other.

I am looking forward to a great year. Get involved, call your fellow members and invite them to one of our meetings. I assure you, you won't be sorry you did and you just might make a few new friends in the process.

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75 Years

The President's Report for the Year 1932 (please see page 7) prepared by the first GCSANC President, Wil Rogers, is an interesting document. The cursive writing techniques and straight lines mark the physical document and the man. The ideas, comments and conclusions mark the spirit and challenge of the profession. The strength of this organization's structure and its importance to members are evidenced by the miraculous availability of this document in its original form.

The continuity of golf is also obvious in the number of founding golf courses still operating with current members of this association. Jason Green, San Jose Country Club, President, Brian Netzt, CGCS Presidio Golf Course, Vice President, Thomas Bastis, CGCS, California Golf Club Director and Ken Williams CGCS, Stanford University Golf Course Newsletter Editor are all at founding courses of the GCSANC. Reviewing the Charter members in the membership directory and the GCSANC Past Presidents impresses with the level of professionalism represented and the continued commitment to golf and course maintenance from the charter clubs and superintendents.

The association's historical documents are important reminders of our continued organizational strength and we will continue to share these during the 75th Anniversary year.



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