

Spring is here and hopefully everyone has completed their aerification successfully. With rain totals under normal amounts and the short winter, it is gearing up to be a long summer. With that said, you need to break away from the daily grind once and a while. Visit a few of your local colleagues, set-up an afternoon round of golf, hop on the mountain bike and lay down a few miles, whatever you need to do to relieve the daily pressures of our demanding jobs.

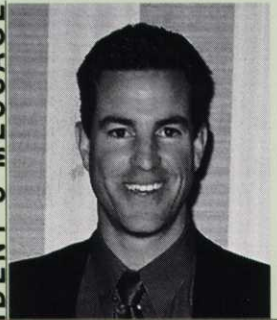
Grab your sticks, call the Pro and get ready for the Superintendent/Pro Tournament hosted by **David Sexton, CGCS** at the Meadow Club June 11th. Dave recently completed a full course restoration and I hear it is flat out awesome. If you haven't been to the Meadow Club yet, you are in for a real treat. You won't want to miss this year's tournament.

The 75th Anniversary Committee has been formed and is being chaired by **Brian Bagley**, The Villages Golf and CC, and co-chaired by **Brian Morris, CGCS**, The Links at Bodega Harbor. Several ideas have been discussed and the details are being worked out. This Association has a rich history and deserves a grand celebration to commemorate 75 years.

If you have any comments or suggestions or want to get involved, contact any of the board members. There are several different committees that could use your valuable input.

Here's to healthy turf and a mild summer!

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OFFICE NOTES

Barb Mikel,
GCSANC Association Manager

February and March were eventful months in the association office. I traveled to Anaheim for the GIS and Lawrence, Kansas for GCSAA Chapter Executive functions. Both presented great opportunities for me to share our association's best practices with the other chapter executives. To view the GIS presentation you can use the web address listed below. Just type it into your browser: <http://www.gcsaa.org/chapters/exec/pd/BallMarkRepairToolandCommunityCooperation.pdf>

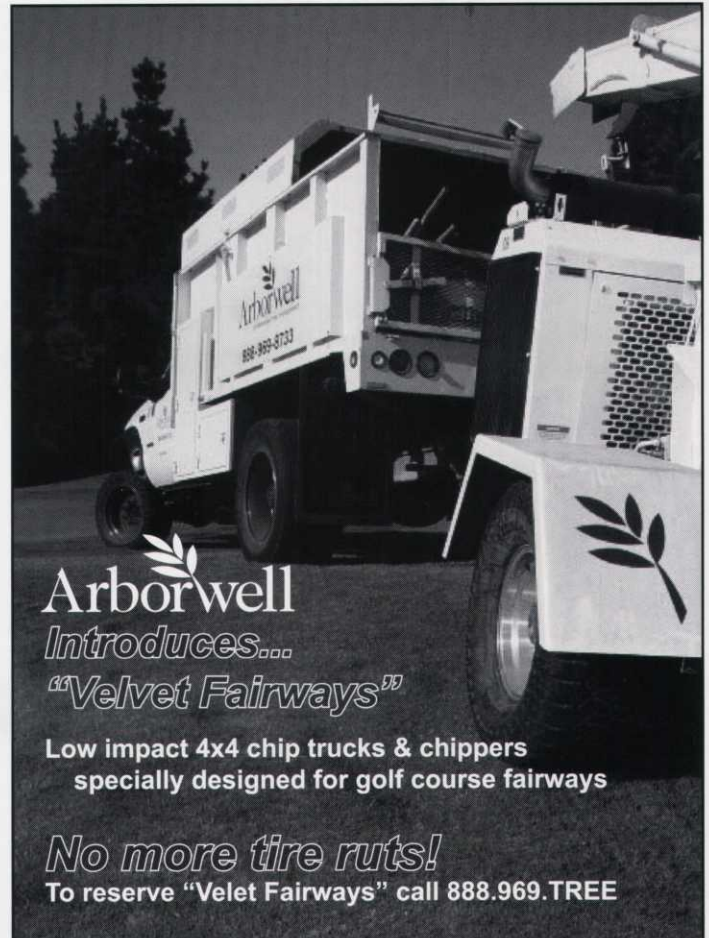
The Williams' Leadership Endowment provides support for the GCSAA's Chapter Executives & Leaders Symposium. It provides an opportunity to strengthen the chapter's leadership team, build on successes, and learn new concepts and ideas to support chapter effectiveness. In addition, it provides the opportunity for education and networking to affiliate chapter managers and leaders. Andy Tittle of Eagle Vines Vineyard Golf Club and I represented GCSANC members and board of directors. The summary of the Affiliate Chapters symposium can be viewed at the link: <http://www.gcsaa.org/chapters/leadership/symposium.asp>

Beginning with the May 3rd meeting at the Presidio Golf Club, all members with email ability will receive a meeting notice with an ADOBE "fill-in" form attached. You only need a current ADOBE Reader (Version 8 is available now.) This reader is free and will enable you make the meeting reservation and return it via e-mail. If you wish to pay for your reservation with credit card, for your protection, you should not return the fill in form with credit card information. Many of you have card information on file with the credit card processing company used by GCSANC. That information is securely protected resident at the credit card processing company. You may use that by simply placing a notation of "card on file" in the credit card number field.

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