Fall is around the corner and hopefully a wet winter is upon us. It’s time to get the aerification equipment ready and begin relieving all of the summer stress on our greens. Many superintendents have commented that although the summer has been long, it has been fairly moderate. But, all would agree, that we can’t wait for winter!

I am pleased to announce that Joe Kurung of West Coast Sand and Gravel has been appointed to the GCSANC Board as an Affiliate Director. Joe is filling the year term for Craig Zellers. Craig respectfully resigned due to his new business venture.

Our July Board meeting was hosted by GCSAA via a web cast. This was a trial run for the Board and the first web cast for many Board members including myself. The web cast proved to be very productive and efficient. Board members did not have to drive 1-2 hours to attend a 2-hour meeting. Instead, they were able to log on right from their desk at work or home and upon completion of the meeting, head out to their course. The web cast was recorded and can be viewed by any member, anytime. Please contact Barb at the office if you are interested in accessing the July Board meeting web cast.

The Board voted to open one Certified Deposit (CD) to maximize our interest rate for our money that was in the savings account. This decision was based on our Strategic Plan. The Board also adopted a new logo to be revealed at our 75th Anniversary Celebration.

The GCSANC has had some great events this year and the camaraderie will continue. September 24-25th, 2007 is our Superintendent Institute held at The Course at Wente Vineyards in Livermore, CA. Then on October 15th, 2007 is our 75th Anniversary Celebration to be held at Sequoyah Country Club. Please plan on attending these exciting events and meet some fellow members who make up this great association.

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Thanks to the efforts of the Programs Committee, chaired by Steve Byrne, your fall GCSANC schedule will be filled with some great venues and events! Make plans to attend!

September 24-25, The Course at Wente Vineyards will host the Superintendents Institute/SNGCS and GCSANC Joint meeting. The Education Committee has a great lineup of speakers and presenters for this event. Education credits will be available. Host Superintendent Glenn Matthews has a great golf course awaiting your play! Don't let this opportunity for fall fun and education slip by.

October 15, 2007, Sequoyah Country Club will host 75th Anniversary Celebration. Bob Murphy, "Voice of Stanford Sports", Ricky D Heine, CGCS, GCSAA President, and Patrick R. Finlen, CGCS GCSAA Director are some of the distinguished guests participating in the event.

LOOKING FOR AN OLD FRIEND?

Try www.californiagcsa.org to stay in touch. GCSANC is participating in the California GCSA online membership directory. Your GCSANC membership provides access to the California GCSA Web Site for the online membership database. All "email enabled" members recently received notification to check information and make needed changes to this searchable database.

Those of you not "e-enabled" are also included in the database. If you have internet access (available at most libraries) take a look. You can find telephone numbers and addresses as well.

LOOKING FOR A NEW POSITION?

Your GCSANC membership provides job availability notices. Golf courses, superintendents and industry partners seeking employees frequently request this service. The distribution is to all active dues paying is via e-mail or fax. Distribution for positions available for the state of California is also posted on the California GCSA Web Site.

Each distribution I receive some "undeliverable mail" or rejected fax numbers bounced e-mails, blocked e-mail etc. We do attempt to check out the "bad addresses" but are not completely successful. As the internet world gets more security and junk mail sensitive, the more "bounced" e-mails. Some of you are unintentionally screening communications with the association via your personal e-mail filters. Some clubs and company web sites filter your communications without your knowing. Fax numbers may change, telephone numbers too.

If you haven't been receiving these notices and would like to check for up-to-date information, please call or email the office. Hope to see you this fall!

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