

Strictly Business



OFFICE NOTES

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By this time, all of our members have received a written request to provide the association with a preferred method of receiving communications. For those of you have responded so promptly, thanks!

But many have neglected to get this information back to me. I know it's a busy time of the year but please search it out the next time you visit that place where we all file the "I'll get to it later" items. And please mail it, fax it, or scan/email it back to me. With so many ways to communicate, we are trying to 1) get information to you in a format you want, 2) reduce the association's cost of duplicate mailing, email and faxing and 3) transition away from paper and postage costs as quickly as the membership allows. Please help us save valuable resources and become better environmental citizens in the process!

The board voted on July 16 to solicit the electronic publishing of *Thru the Green*. The preliminary search resulted in an excellent company but was not affordable. We will continue to seek an electronic medium that will be available to membership yet offer the ability to produce a printed copy for those wishing to have a "hand held document" to read. I suspect some day in the near future only the very wealthy will be able to afford printed media. We have come almost full circle from times when the Guttenberg printing press made obsolete the copying skills of the monks in various western monasteries.

Last time I wrote a brief description of the Scholarship Research Tournament history as I remembered it. I got a call from Past President Joseph A. Rodriguez, CGCS who was responsible for starting the Scholarship Program for the association and hosting several fund raising events at

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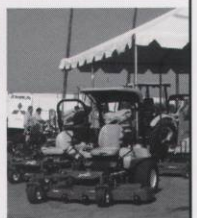
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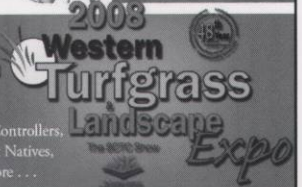
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Rossmoor. Joe reminded me he set up the first program when donations were made directly to colleges. These colleges then made the awards to deserving turf students or horticultural students. The scope of the program and award was expanded include Research and Education when Blake Swint was President. With formalization and written criteria written by a Scholarship Committee headed by Gary K Carls, CGCS, selection criteria and award structure made awards directly to deserving Northern California students selected by the Scholarship Committee. Expanded and corrected input on the history of this event is welcomed should be forwarded to Ken Williams, CGCS for the next issue of *Thru the Green*.



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