

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Spring Valley Golf Course

Greetings everyone!

As I write this, we are experiencing our first real rain of the season. I see the rain as a symbol of washing us clean of all the bad economic news that we have been inundated with this year. I'm looking forward to a fresh start in the spring, with high hopes and expectations of a growing economy and increased discretionary funds for the golfing community. This economic momentum must be present for our industry to prosper both locally and nationally.

As always, the board is busy putting together events that are valuable and worthwhile to our members. However, it has been especially challenging this past year to plan an event that most of you feel is important to attend. It is vital that you know that we are here for you and so to accomplish that, we are planning to conduct an online survey to help us better understand what the needs of the membership are. Keep an eye on your inbox for information.

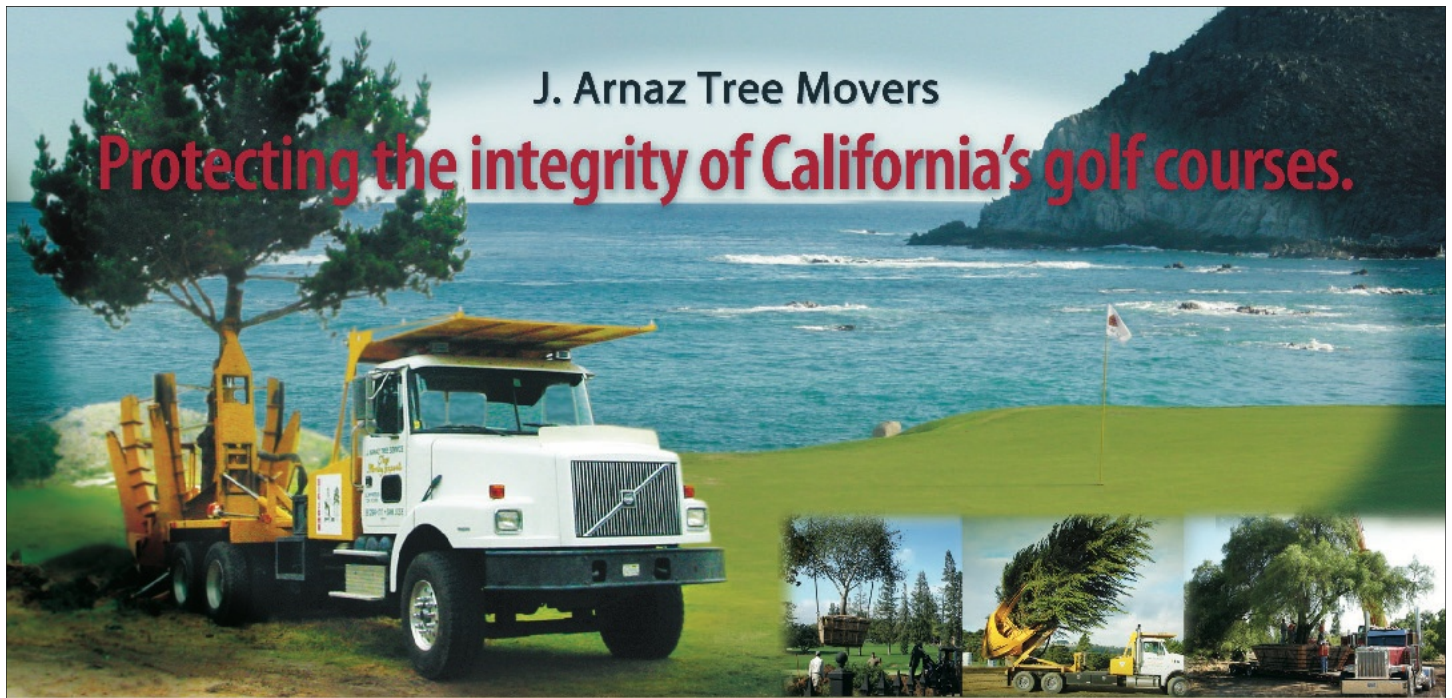
In December, we will be having our annual holiday events. As before, we will be doing the regional events which have enjoyed

considerable success. We hope to build on that with even better venues while keeping them extremely affordable. Locations and dates will be forthcoming. Additionally, the Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 11th at Spring Valley Golf Course. The attendees of the meeting that choose to play golf will be treated to remodeled tee complexes on select holes. Pray for good weather!

Plan to attend the GCSAA Golf Industry Show in San Diego. It is in our home state so let's all head down and make a strong showing. Please register early to ensure you get your first choice of seminars.

In the previous newsletter, I had mentioned a number of environmental and political issues that are threatening our industry. These issues have not gone away and are not likely to go away anytime soon. I would again encourage everyone to read all the information distributed by Jim Husting, CGCS. Additionally, GCSAA is aware of the proposed legislation and is continuing to monitor the progress.

Happy Holidays everyone!



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