

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Greetings everyone!

Summer is over and that means that the kids are back in school, the weather is hopefully a little cooler, and you can find Halloween decorations clogging the aisles in the stores. How many infatable ghouls can I fit in my front yard? I hope everyone made time to relax a little with your families.

There has been a lot of association activity this summer. We had the Annual Crew Appreciation outing at the Oakland Coliseum. The turnout was good with everyone enjoying a pregame barbeque that was co-sponsored by Mike Ravel of Crop Protection Services and Mike Munn of Granite Rock. The cold beverages were provided by past board member Steve Byrne and Mira Vista Country Club. The cooking was handled by superstars Peter Herrera and Joe Kurung. Thanks guys for helping make the event a success.

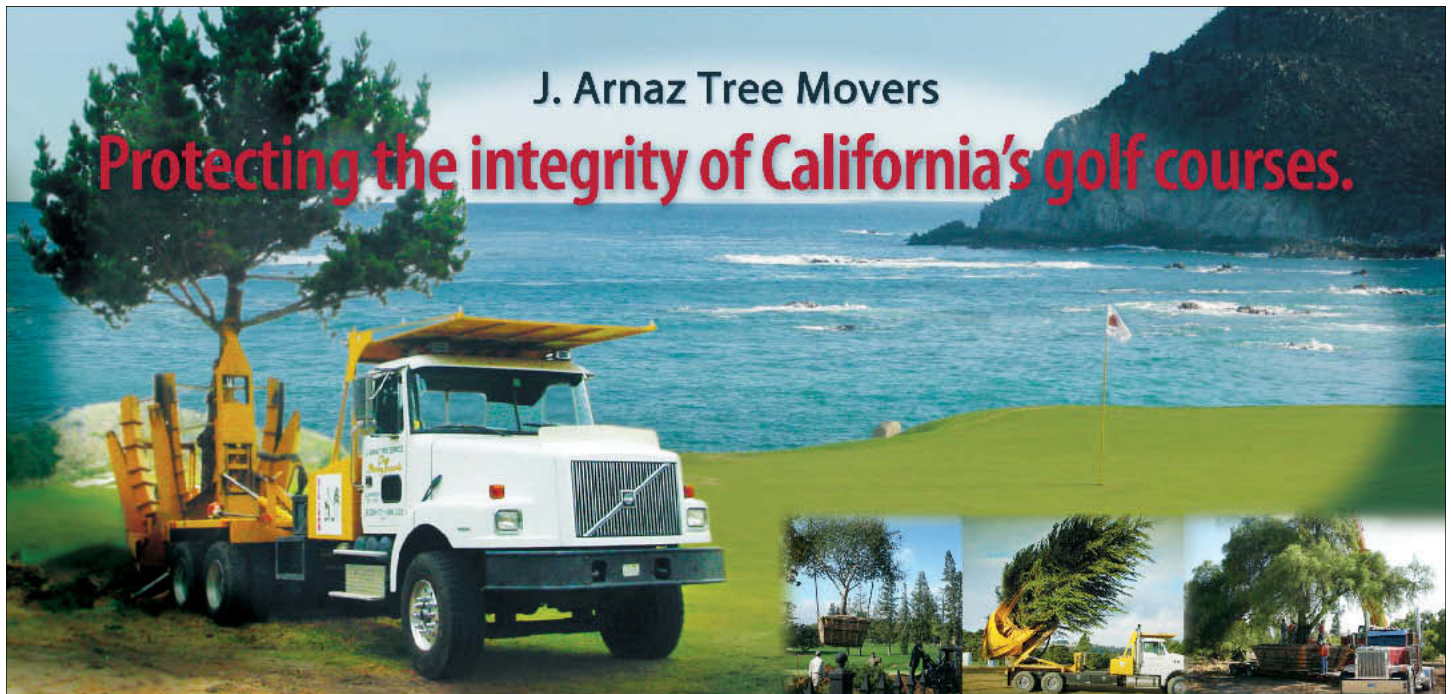
We have also had some very important political/environmental issues brought to our attention that could directly impact our ability to manage our golf courses. I am speaking of the CARB Off-Road Diesel Vehicle Regulations and the Goby 11 Lawsuit. Jim Hustung has been working hard to ensure that we have the most current information available to us. This notification was timely and I hope everyone completed the registration process with CARB before the deadline arrived.

The Goby 11 lawsuit is a very serious threat to our industry. If you have not taken the time to read the information that has been distributed, I suggest you do. The EPA is being sued by an environmental group over the process that was followed in the registering of pesticides. This could potentially impact a large number of properties and take away a lot of tools that we use to ensure the health of our turf.

Golf and education events that are coming up are plentiful. We have the Superintendents Institute coming up on October 19th and 20th being hosted by Glenn Mathews at beautiful Wente Vineyards. Please mark your calendars for this great event. We also have the state meeting coming up in November. The dates are November 1st thru 3rd and is being hosted by Terry Vassey and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. We also have a new and exciting golf only event. November 6th thru 9th will find a group of Norcal superintendents traveling to Bandon Dunes for golf and camaraderie.

In closing, I want to remind everyone that our website is live and that we have our own event registration page. Please take the time to visit www.gcsanc.com and explore.

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