As I say hello to an arriving group of officers and directors, it is also time to say thanks to those leaving the board. Dale Simpson, thanks for your service. Thanks to outgoing Past President, Thomas Bastis, CGCS leaving the GCSANC board after 7 years. Thomas, you made your mark on the association (as you do with whatever you undertake). I enjoyed and appreciate the time commitment to the association and your fellow superintendents.

Looking forward, there is a new draft strategic plan in place. This will need review and revision by the new board. Bylaws need some “freshing up”. The language of the bylaws needs to reflect changes in California Corporate laws. GCSAA has offered to review and update, so we will undertake that in the future. Then there is the web site and events registration and the newsletter.

Website and event registration have undergone upgrades. There are issues on the site requiring downsizing of the screen displays. We are addressing these now. Stay tuned and let us know! One consideration in developing the web site and membership & events registration online was cost. The association is not in the same position as the USPS or the financial straits of state and local governments. The annual costs of mailing Thru the Green was over $5000 when it was 12 pages. The postage has increased four times and the publication is now 20 pages and growing. Meeting notices and dues renewals were an average $565 for postage excluding the cost of printing. The board made some tough calls in the past four years, which has strengthened your association. Another consideration is the security and safety of those items being “cloud” based. I remember talking about that last year at Cal Club. It is going to become more commonplace as companies and clubs are hard pressed to finance equipment and software upgrades. You may need to become more technically adept to maintain your competitive profile in future career enhancements.

**OFFICE NOTES / BARBARA MIKEL**

**January 9, 2012**
GCSANC Annual Meeting
The Course at Wente Vineyards

**February 27 – March 2**
GCSAA Golf Industry Show

**February 29, 2012, 6:00–9:00 PM**
California GCSA Hospitality Suite
Las Vegas Country Club

**May 14**
NCPGA/GCSNC/CMAA Official Pro-Am Presented by E-Z-Go
Rancho Murrieta Country Club

**July 2**
Wagoner Scholarship Research Tournament
Sonoma Golf Club

**August 13**
Tri Chapters
TPC Stonebrae

**October–November**
Superintendents Institute

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**HOLIDAY MEETING RESULTS**

Del Monte Golf Course
December 2, 2011

**Low Gross**
- **Superintendent**
  - First: Dan Mahoney
  - Second: Mike Garvale
  - Third: Mike Phillips

- **Affiliate**
  - First: Mike Ginelli
  - Second: Scott Dickson
  - Third: John Parodi

**Low Net**
- **Superintendent**
  - First: Terry Grasso
  - Second: Gary Carls
  - Third: Ross Brownlie

- **Affiliate**
  - First: Manny Pina
  - Second: Russ Mitchell
  - Third: Mitch Frasier

**Closest to Hole #4:** Mike Garvale
**Closest to Hole #6:** Ross Brownlie
**Closest to Hole #12:** Ryan Wilson
**EZ-Go Hole in One #14:** no winner
**Long Drive #15:** Brian Hurley
**Accurate Drive #3:** Dan Dalske

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**NEW MEMBERS!**

Matthew Kuchin
San Jose Country Club
Assistant Superintendent

Joel Wong
Sonoma Golf Club
Assistant Superintendent

Dinah Zuckerman
Delta Bluegrass
Affiliate

Matt Drake
Yuba College
Student