

## THE MEETING PLACE

### What's Happening In March

There will not be a general business meeting of GCSANC in March. Instead we would urge all members to attend either the NCGA/USGA Green Section Regional Conference or the Mechanics Workshop.

**NCGA/USGA Green Section Regional Conference** is being held at Castlewood Country Club on March 16th from 7:30am to 3:30pm.

Topics will include:

- "A Funny Thing Happened

on the Way to the US Open"

by Larry Adamson,

- "The Incredible Shrinking Golf Course"

by Larry Gilhuly,

- "Understanding and Preventing Landscape Lawsuits"

by Ted Stamen,

- "Championship Preparation: An Open and Shut Case"

by Tim Moraghan,

- "Coming Home to Roost" Examples of the Audubon Program in Action

by Nancy Sadlon,

- "One Good Tip Deserves Another" Turf Tips and Ideas on Golf Course Maintenance Practices

by Pat Gross,

- "A New Look at an Old Foe" A Microscopic Look at Poa Annua

by Don White, PhD,

- "Spraying Wood Alcohol on Greens" A Look at Future Fertilization Practices

by Robert Green, PhD,

- "Hogan's Alley Gets a Face Lift" Restoration of the Putting Greens at The Riviera Country Club

by Jim McPhilomy, and

- "Putting Green Speed 101"

by Paul Vermeulen.

Registration is \$35 per person, which includes lunch. Jackets are recommended, ties

### Thru The Green Takes Honorable Mention

The competition was more than tough in the GCSAA Chapter Publications competition held last month in Dallas.

But *Thru The Green* prevailed and pulled out an honorable mention in the category of "publications produced by paid professional editors/publishers."

*California Fairways* was selected for the second year in a row as the winner of this category.

There are three categories in which publications can enter the competition: Category 1 - publications edited by a non-paid volunteer; Category 2 - publications edited by a paid editor; and Category 3 - the category into which they placed *Thru the Green*.

Because of the limited number of categories, small publications like ours are forced to compete with high budget publications that are funded by state chapters and national advertisers. Consequently, we were given the honorable mention to confirm the high quality of the publication published under a minimal budget.

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are optional.

**Mechanics Workshop** is also being held at Castlewood Country Club, on March 14. Ben Showard of Turf Equipment Services will present a hands-on workshop on golf course equipment repair. The workshop will run from 8:30am until 2:00pm. The cost is only \$10 - Superintendents and their

mechanics are urged to attend. And if your mechanic is a "know it all" bring him anyway, he may be able to pass on a few tips to the rest of the crowd.

For more information on this workshop or to register by phone, call Barbara Mikel at (916) 626-0931.