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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

SCOTT HOFFMANN, CGCS

As we pass the gavel from Doug Mahal to myself, I would like to take time to thank all our members for entrusting me with the custody of the Association's business for the coming year. I am fortunate to follow a fine leader in Doug Mahal and look forward to working with an experienced and dedicated Board of Directors. These gentlemen will, I am sure, help to make the transition a smooth one.

With this year's annual conference fresh in our minds, it may be a good time for all to jot down those ideas and suggestions that may make next year's conference even better. Remember the board welcomes your input on not only the conference but on any other matter as well, and we remain as close as your phone. This year's conference chairmen, Jim Nicol, Rick Fredericksen and Fred Anderson, should be praised for the outstanding conference they provided us with this year. If you missed the annual banquet and casino night you lost out on one of the best attended and most well received events in recent memory. Hopefully, we can make this casino night an annual event.

Maybe it's the greenhouse effect, but it seems as though in recent years we have been blessed with the rare opportunity to play golf at our November meeting. This year was no exception. Thanks to Tom Natzel and Burl Country Club for providing us very fine November golfing conditions. Also, thanks once again, to Long Lake Ford for hosting our dinner meeting and complimentary cocktails at Billy's Lighthouse.

Coming up Monday, January 11 we will once again be at Woodhill Country Club for our January meeting. This event is always well attended, giving our members a chance to stretch their winter muscles on the paddle tennis courts or for the adventurous a chance to take those hockey skates out of mothballs. For those of us who prefer less strenuous forms of relaxation, relief will be provided in the form of cards, conversation and camaraderie.

Hope to see you at this year's GCSAA Conference and Show in Houston and in the meantime, enjoy a Happy Holiday Season.