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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome Ken Schwartz, Roger Martinez, and Leonard

Theis to the Board of Directors of GCSANC. On behalf of our members, we extend to you a sincere thank you in advance for your commitments to our association. Good luck is wished to all board members in the success of their undertakings.

GCSAA has begun preparation for the 1995 conference in San Francisco. The Conference and Show Committee met on April 26th at the Marriott Hotel -- the conference headquarters. Attending were the new executive regime of Steve Mona and Joe O'Brien. I must say, I was very impressed in their expertise and member-directed emphasis. Early indications show two excellent choices have been made. Look further into the newsletter for a report on that meeting.

I would like to acknowl-

edge the accomplishments of Bill Davis of Peninsula Golf and Country Club in San Mateo. Bill was the first superintendent in GCSAA to earn a certificate in the Underground Storage Tanks (UST) specialization. This specialization involves about 70 hours of GCSAA seminars designed especially for environmental management programs. Congratulations, Bill.

Don't forget! Scholarship and Research Tournament at Castlewood CC on June 20th. Not only do you get to play a marvelous golf course, but you will be supporting necessary and worthy causes, as well.

Lastly, I would like to call your attention to the latest edition of *Landscape Management Magazine* (May, 1994). Jerry Roche, Editor in Chief, takes aim at the media, specifically Paul Harvey, for his on-the-air comment on February 8th, 1994: "Not only are golf course pesticides killing the birds, but they're killing

golf course superintendents, also." Harvey's comments were apparently based on Dr. Barton Kross' study commissioned by GCSAA. Mr. Roche's editorial deems Harvey's commentary so far off base it is irresponsible journalism. Even after being corrected by Dr. Kross, Joe Baidy (GCSAA President) and others, Harvey has yet to issue any public correction, apology or clarification.

Mr. Roche asks for a letter writing campaign to Paul Harvey, c/o Paul Harvey News, 332 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1600, Chicago, IL 60601. If you feel strongly about this disservice to our industry, join me in sharpening your pencil and fire off a letter. Personally, I am tired of the media and the environmentalists bashing our business without justification. 'Nuf sed!

See you on the tee,
Randy Gai
President

Northern Cal Inches Central for Chapter Competition Win

Congratulations to Northern Cal chapter team #1 - Lou Tonelli, Dave Lewellen, Don Naumann, Jess Pifferini, and Ibsen Dow - whose combined score was just enough to squeak by central chapter team #2 to take first place in the DowElanco Chapter Team Competition at the state meeting last month. Played at the River Course at the Alisal in Solvang, the competition was part of the CGCSA Annual Meeting and Golf Tournament.

Chapter teams ranked as follows: Northern Cal, Central, Southern Cal, Sierra/Nevada, San Diego and Hi-Low. DowElanco is donating money to each of the local chapters' scholarship and research fund based on ranking in the competition. Our chapter will be receiving \$1500.