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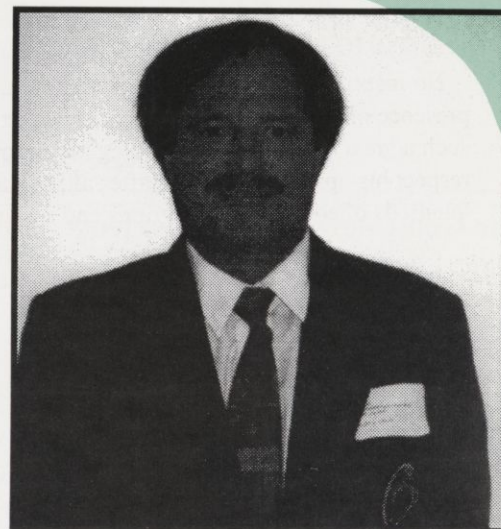
From The President

The Holidays offer the opportunity for us to treasure the time we have to spend with family and friends. I take this time to wish all a pleasant Holiday. It's a time of gifts and giving and a time to be thankful for what we have.

Of the gifts that our Association has, the ones that I am most thankful for are your elected Board Members. They are a group made up of different personalities with the common goal of allowing our Association to better serve it's members and our industry. Monthly Board Meetings that recently have lasted too long with many items to discuss have been well attended with contributions made by all.

A portion of the January General Meeting will deal with Association management practices, budget items and our goals of service to the membership. Open discussion to be the theme, individual participation a must. I encourage all to attend this open forum. The sharing of ideas has always been one of the strengths of our Association.

Having recently attended a state board meeting, I can state (no pun intended) that CGCSA is developing a strong mission statement to provide definition of its existence. A good thing to know since we are all members of the CGCSA, the result of \$5.00 per member of our annual dues being paid to the State



Blake Swint, President

Association.

If you haven't decided to attend the Christmas tournament and party, I urge you to do so. This year's event will feature Poppy Hills, a PGA Tour quality course followed by an enjoyable evening at the festive Monterey Beach Hotel.

Happy Holidays,

Blake

Office Notes

By: *Barbara Mikel*

Well, it is hard to believe it is December again! Our Holiday party is well underway, thanks to the watchful supervision of Forrest Arthur. A new committee consisting of Mike Nunemacher, Dave Davies, and Forrest Arthur is developing and implementing a standardized meeting procedure which will smooth the future process for meeting sites. If you are interested in hosting a meeting, contact a member of the board of directors and let him know. The Oakhurst meeting was the first successful endeavor and Poppy Hills the second for this new committee. Hope you have all made your plans for this year.

1998 membership renewals are coming quickly. Please make sure you send your membership questionnaire with your check. We need those questionnaires to renew your membership. If I receive only your check., you will be delaying receiving your new card. Cards will be mailed once a week beginning December 5, so look for yours in the near future.

Elsewhere in this month's newsletter you will

find a listing of GCSANC Board of Directors and Officers with the various committee position and functions they perform. These are your representatives for the various jobs undertaken by the Association. All the support and help you can give would be greatly appreciated, suggestions, questions, etc. We need more members working as hard as these guys. In addition to serving on our Board of Directors, most of them have served or are serving on GCSAA Committees.

I keep hearing positive comments regarding the 1997 Superintendents Institute at Santa Rosa. I would like to thank Bob Costa, CGCS, Gary Carls, CGCS, Cliff Wagoner, CGCS, Myrtle Wagoner, and Alan Heath for undertaking the registration and administrative duties for me at this event You can't imagine how much office work I got done!

Quick Quote

Hard work never killed anybody,
but why take the chance

— *Edgar Bergen* —