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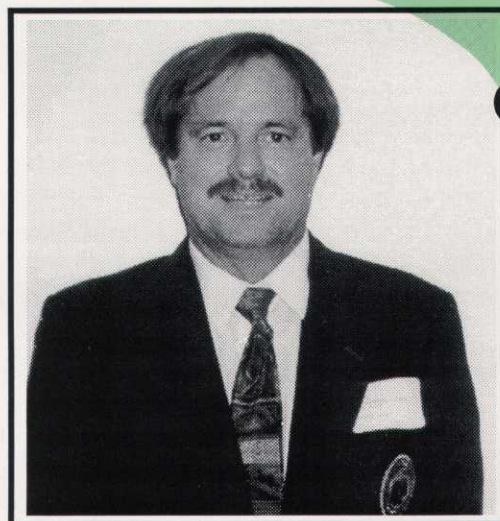
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From The President

The low number of GCSANC members that attended the CGSA Annual Meeting was disappointing. The poor turnout frustrated those that worked hard to organize the events of the Conference. I appreciate the support of our members that were in attendance. We were given the opportunity to learn from talented speakers. Two of our own, provided some light humor. Bob Costa and his committee deserve a great deal of our gratitude for planning the program.

The off site barbecue at the Savannah Winery was enjoyed by all in attendance to the extent that I overheard next year's host chapter members asking each other "how are we going to top this?" Don Naumann deserves a great deal of credit for planning that event.

Under the care of Superintendent Mike Basile, the golf course at the Santa Clara Golf and Tennis Center following 3 days of hot humid weather, played great. The smooth bentgrass greens putted well from the first green until the last, some 4 and 1/2 hours later. The absence of poor lies allowed many low scores to be posted. Thank you Mike for all of your hard work. A public course like Santa Clara is the bread and butter of our business. I enjoyed playing there. I got to play a 100,000 round per year course that like so many others of it's kind will be the starting point of many of our future golfers.



Again two of our own posted the best scores in the Superintendents Division. Ross Brownlie won the low gross division by a single point over his close friend Scott Lewis. Mike Ligon proved that the GCSANC has the best Affiliate player as he won the gross division.

The hard work of a few resulted in a successful Conference. The absence of many sent us home a little empty. We will continue to provide strong programs. It is up to each member to establish the value of those programs and determine whether it is worth fitting the time it takes to attend into ones life.

I wish you well.

Blake Swint
President

Office Notes

By: Barbara Mikel

Plans for the 65th Anniversary are well underway nicely thanks to the efforts of Cliff and Myrtle Wagoner, Bob Costa, Gary Carls, Randy Gai, and Jean LaDuc. Program and displays are being developed for the August 11 meeting at Bayonet Golf Course, Fort Ord. **It is not too late for you to make a contribution to this effort.**

There are very few organizations as long lived as GCSANC. Considering this is an volunteer group, you should be proud and grateful for the continuing commitment to the industry, profession and organization your fellow superinten-

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the days program with a presentation on bentgrass/poa competition.

By evening it was time to relax in the Saratoga foothills where the group was treated to a delicious BBQ at Savannah Channel Vineyards. It proved to be a great setting amongst the redwoods. There was even entertainment for the children complete with a petting zoo and pony rides.

The gathering concluded on Monday with the Golf Tournament hosted by Santa Clara Golf and Tennis, In spite of some of the horror stories told by Mike Basile the day before, the conditions were excellent and resulted in a highly competitive tournament.

Amid all the pre-meeting speculation when it was all said and done the GCSANC had done well.