

EDITOR

ROBERT J. COSTA, CGCS
408-373-0881

OFFICE

Barbara Mikel - Executive Secretary
550 Main St., Suite G
P.O. Box 3360
Diamond Springs, CA
95619
Phone: (530) 626-0931
Fax: (530) 626-5132

PRESIDENT

DAVID R. DAVIES, CGCS
Palo Alto Muni Golf Course

VICE-PRESIDENT

GARY K. CARLS, CGCS
Santa Teresa Golf Course

SECRETARY/TREASURER

FORREST ARTHUR
The Links At Spanish Bay

PAST PRESIDENT

BLAKE SWINT
Castlewood Country Club

DIRECTORS

ROBERT COSTA, CGCS
Laguna Seca Golf Course

MIKE NUNEMACHER
Blackhawk Country Club

KENNETH D. WILLIAMS, CGCS
Stanford University Golf Course

TERRY GRASSO
Burlingame Country Club

AFFILIATE ADVISORS

JAMES W. KARRIK, JR.
Naiad Company, Inc.

CRAIG KILCOYNE
H. V. Carter Company, Inc.

PUBLISHER

Jo Harlow
Key Publications
Phone: (925) 827-9676
Fax: (925) 674-1688

THRU THE GREEN

Published monthly by the
Golf Course Superintendent's Association
of
Northern California

From The President

So, I am making the final plans for attending the State meeting in beautiful Ojai. I am looking forward to renewing friendships with fellow professionals, hopeful that I will come away from the educational program with things that will make my job better for myself and my staff. Instead I find myself at the Stanford Hospital emergency room being processed for surgery on a finger that was somewhere it shouldn't have been. Now I know there is a large contingent of the membership tracking down my phone number so they can call, check on my condition and wish me a speedy recover. Thank you in advance but that is not the purpose of this message.

There are times in all of our careers that force us to evaluate what we do. This brief incident was a great reminder to me of the dangers that we face each and every day. In the work place we have equipment, power and hand tools and chemicals that all pose a threat to our health and safety. There are golfers and golf balls, golf carts, lakes and rivers, hills and valleys that can with no warning present threats of serious injury or even death. Let's not even go into the traffic to and from work. Constant vigilance in staff safety is one of the most important things we can put into our daily work schedule. Making our workplace safe is the responsibility of everyone. We challenge ourselves and our staff to push the limits of productivity, always striving for the best conditions we can provide. How does that perspective change when you lose someone to injury or illness. The impact to a staff can be devastating.

Now in my case we have had some

Office Notes

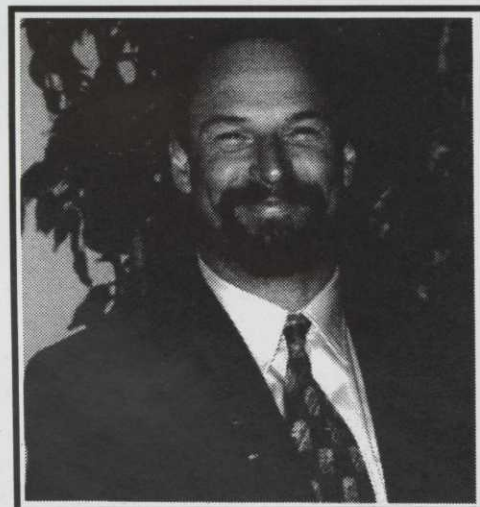
By Barbara Mikel

Maybe by the time this newsletter is out to the membership, some golf has begun to be played in the Norcal region. I can't believe this year! Snow May 26 at the office?

No, I didn't forget to take the first sentence out of last month's article, yes we did have snow up here in May. The vacation was great! Surprise, Utah was sunny and clear.

Thanks to the help from newsletter publisher, Jo Harlow, Past President Rich Lavine, Past President, Clifford Wagoner, and Past Executive Secretary, Myrtle Wagoner the 1998-1999 directory proceeded on schedule and is in the mail to members.

You can help make sure the information is accurate and up to date by notifying the office of changes to employment and residences. We



Dave Davies, CGCS

laughs. There have been more comments about the boss staying in his office than I would prefer. There is no huge scar to present for sympathy, although I was able to play the big bandage up for about 36 hours. I have, however, learned a great deal about the affects of hydraulic fluid on nerve tissue and now have first hand knowledge on how the workers' compensation process works. All of this can be passed along as lessons learned. How we deal with the lessons long term will determine their value.

Plans are being made for the Superintendent/Pro at The Course At Wente Vineyards, July 21. For those interested in beautiful scenery and wonderful food put the date on your calendar. Oh, there will also be 18 holes of golf. The site is magnificent and the staff at Wente is anxious to hose us. Be aware of the calendar as the dates are set for the rest of the year's functions. Have a great spring, oh, it's almost summer, and remember, let's be careful out there.

can only put in the directory information provided. If you have inaccurate information please let us know. Unfortunately the time to let us know is past for this directory. The membership renewal questionnaires are the primary means to update your membership information. If things change more often, please take the time to fax or mail us the updated information. You will continue to get a lot of your association mail thanks to forwarding by the post office. Those forwarding orders do eventually expire, and one day you haven't seen your newsletter in along time and haven't attended any meetings and low and behold, you didn't get your renewal notice and our find yourself out of the association!