

## Boardroom Briefs

◆ Secretary Treasurer **Jeff Shafer**, unveiled a new budget report form that condenses and summarizes the financial activity of the association. The financial summary will be included in the board packet which is distributed to Board members prior to each monthly meeting.

◆ The Board directed President **Gary Carls, CGCS** to draft a letter to the GCSAA Career Development department regarding a new publication entitled Employment Trends. The publication, which is directed to employers, "provides salary information which is misleading," contends **Bob Costa, CGCS**. The introductory issue listed median salaries for GC Superintendents at daily fee facilities at \$46,423 and at private facilities at \$64,782. Board opinion was the median salaries did not accurately reflect wages in California and could be easily misinterpreted by club owners and managers.

◆ Scholarship chairman **Roger Robarge** reported that a scholarship committee had been formed to discuss the future direction of the scholarship program. Committee members

include past Chairman **Ken Williams CGCS, Brad Langley** and **Jason Green**.

◆ Affiliate Board member **Steve Franzen** reported that a meeting was conducted with the staff at Orinda Country Club, site of the August Scholarship/Research Tournament. Steve reports that details of the event are being finalized.

◆ **Gary Carls, CGCS**, who recently returned from the State Board meeting in San Diego, reported that the Board has nominated **Corey Eastwood, CGCS** for President, our very own **Dave Davies CGCS**, Vice president and **Pat Gradoville**, Secretary-Treasurer. Nominations will be ratified by Board members at the upcoming State meeting in May. Gary also noted that **Barbara Mikel** will step down as the interim association Executive Secretary for the state.

◆ Board members approved a donation of \$750 dollars to the education fund established in the name of the children of southern California affiliate, **Tracy Barcelona**.

## BUNKER SHOTS

*A mishmash of editorial ramblings by Ken Williams, CGCS*

Have you seen the PGA Tour's Driving Distance statistics? Yeah, yeah Casey Martin (with cart) is leading right? He drives everywhere! Well, almost. At this writing, he's actually second in driving distance at 290 yards. He's just behind John Daly and in front of Tiger Woods . . . . maybe accommodating persons with disabilities isn't really such a bad thing after all!

Pitch Canker is continuing to devastate golf courses up and down the coast. Many beautiful trees are being lost forever. . . . .Jeez, isn't it about time for a crabgrass or English daisy blight?

Wouldn't we all like to see Corey Eastwood and Ray Davies go toe to toe in a debate over PDI? . . . . .Maybe we can get Dave Davies to moderate. . . . .(to make sure a hockey game doesn't break out!)

Stanford, Castlewood, The Course at Wente Vineyards, and now Ruby Hill. If you are not coming to meetings now. . . . .

Have you heard about Callaway's new ultra-hot ERC Driver? The club is said to produce incredible results. But unfortunately, the club will only be sold in Japan, out of reach of most US players. . . . .Maybe now our members will have a reason to empathize with us regarding the availability of chemical technologies in CA!

Did you see Jeff Shafer's incredible putting course set up on the practice green at Wente? The course had sand, rocks, water, tress, and perfectly striped fairways. What fun! Who knew we had one of the best mini-golf architects in the world on our Board? The course was used to raise over \$300 in S&R funds.

