



## Office Notes

By Barbara Mikel

GCSANC has new officers and directors! Welcome to all incoming Board of Directors, Joel Ahern, Vince Keats, Patrick Finlen, CGCS, and Andy Slack. I look forward to an exciting year. Bob Costa, CGCS, Jeff Shafer and Bob Lapic make for a dynamic trio as 2001 officers. Gary Carls, CGCS continuing as Past-President and up for the Vice-President of California Golf Course Superintendents Association continues to lend leadership to the GCSANC and CGCSA.

I really would like to thank Gary for all his work the past five (?) years. I never needed to wonder what things didn't get done with Gary leading the helm. I just can't quite figure out where he finds the time for all he does and still makes the "rounds" for various golf outings? What's the secret?

I am hopeful of continuing support from outgoing board members Gary Sayre, CGCS, Gary Skolnik, Steve Franzen, and Past President Dave Davies, CGCS. As a matter of fact Dave has undertaken to "supervise" the December 2001 Holiday event. Last year Beth Davies and Dave made the sacrifice of attending a Casino Night party just to see how good the event would be! Actually, Beth was responsible for the idea in the first place. Affiliate wives, Joyce Ligon, Mrs. Rex Gentry and Debbie Franzen again provided much

needed "womanpower" for the prizes in December. Thanks to all of you!

This is a "quite" month for GCSANC activities in the office. End of the year requirements for the government entities take up most of January and well into February. Seems like each year there is always "one more" item for someone. Some are worthwhile programs others..... well I know all of you know that story much better than I.

I will be mailing the salary survey, affiliate newsletter sponsorship packages & renewal stickers for the back of your membership cards and "final notices" to all non-renewed members. Those not providing dues renewal by the end of February will be required to reinstate their membership with a new membership application. So please get those checks and forms into the office ASAP! The Board of Directors will review a proposal for credit card processing via virtual terminal and Internet Web meeting registration March 6th. I hope to have credit card processing in place for the April 30th meeting at Sequoyah Country Club and on-line reservations shortly thereafter. I have had continued requests for credit card processing and the previous board has tentatively approved the use of credit cards for payment of all association billings. This will make life easier for you and me! /

## Naumann's NorCal News

**Jay Abbott** has left Contra Costa Country Club and is the new Superintendent at PGA West in the Palm Springs Area. He is in charge of both the Nicklaus Private and the Weiskopf Private courses. **Steve Groves**, the assistant at CCCC, is the Interim Superintendent until Jay's replacement is named...**Mike Orren** has left The Bridges at Gale Ranch. His assistant, **Lincoln Wallace**, is the Interim Superintendent.... **Mike Barber** is the new Superintendent at Stockdale Country Club in Bakersfield. Mike was the Superintendent at Blackhawk CC in Danville prior to his move...**Campbell Turner** is now the Senior Grounds Superintendent at UC Davis (I am told it has nothing to do with his age). Campbell was at Riverview CC in Redding prior to his move...

## Davies Selected as GCSANC's Superintendent of The Year

Ray Davies, CGCS, Director of Golf Course Maintenance and Construction for Bay Area based management company CourseCo, was selected as the Superintendent of the year by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California, at their annual meeting on January 23rd. Davies, a 5 year member of the GCSANC, was recognized for his contributions to the Professional Development Initiative, which is being proposed by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

"Ray's dedication to the industry and role as a leader on a national level were instrumental in his selection" according to GCSANC past president Dave Davies, CGCS. CourseCo's Davies was also recently recognized by Golfdom, an industry

publication, as one their People of the Year.

Davies, in accepting the award, expressed both surprise and gratitude and was quick to credit the Membership Standards Resource Committee, whose efforts during the last four years helped shape the current proposal.

Also acknowledged by the GCSANC were; Walt Barrett, of Green Hills Country Club who received the award for Turfgrass Excellence, Russ Mitchell representing the firm Russ Mitchell and Associates was recognized as the Affiliate of the Year and Herbert Graves of the H.V. Carter Company received the Distinguished Service award posthumously. Bert received the award for his tireless and lifelong contributions to the Association. His son, Bruce, graciously accepted the award. /