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According to *The Rules of Golf*, as approved by The United States Golf Association and The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland, the definition of "through the green" is the whole area of the course except:

- (a) The teeing ground and putting green of the hole being played;
- (b) All hazards on the course.

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Tenia's Turf

Now that holiday season is upon us, your board of directors and staff are busy finalizing the 2009 events calendar. If you can help us with our educational events and golf outings, I strongly urge you to contact GGCSA headquarters. We are always looking for both leaders and sponsors to bring our members the best educational and professional development opportunities in the Southeast.

The year 2008 was a memorable one for GGCSA. I want to take this opportunity to thank the board and water task force for their leadership, guidance and professionalism as they worked with state officials to identify, clarify and articulate water conservation Best Management Practices for golf courses in Georgia. Our steadfast approach paid off on May 6 when the State of Georgia recognized our commitment to water efficiency by issuing an order to allow golf courses under the Level 4 drought restrictions to water at a 35% reduction. The order issued from Governor Sonny Perdue came just in time as temperatures soared to the middle 90s the following week. Your Association will continue to work with state officials in the coming months on the new statewide water conservation implementation plan and will lobby for further reductions to the current watering restrictions imposed on your course.

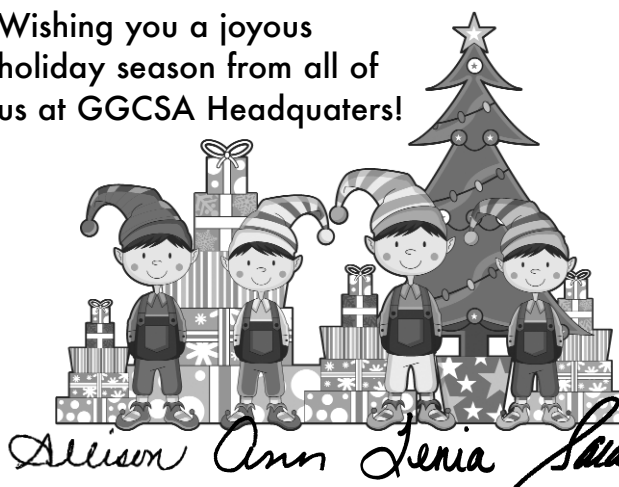
The board of directors are the lifeblood of GGCSA and are dedicated to the golf course superintendent profession. A special thanks to Barry Bennett, CGCS (Valdosta Country Club), Craig Conner and Ray Meredith, GCS (Fort Benning Golf Club) for their service to the membership. Their dedication over the past few years is greatly appreciated.

The Georgia Golf Environmental Foundation (GGEF) board of trustees would like to thank Wade Thomas, GCS (Idle Hour Club) for his service to the foundation over the past four years. Wade has put in countless hours working with the GGEF board to grow your foundation. The GGEF and GGCSA would like to welcome Mike Waldron, Georgia State Golf Association executive director, as the new GGEF chairman. We look forward to working with Mike and thank him for his commitment to the golf industry in Georgia.

I would like to thank Rob Roy, GCS and his staff at The River Club for hosting the bentgrass forum and golf outing. I was in awe as I visited The River Club for the first time. What a beautiful golf course! I would also like to thank Anthony Williams, CGCS (Stone Mountain Golf Club) and his staff for once again ensuring that this year's Annual Meeting and Vendor Fair was one of the best ever. Stone Mountain is one of my favorite places in Georgia, and I was able to go a day early this year and enjoy the outdoor activities that the park has to offer.

I hope that all of you can take a break from your hectic schedules and enjoy time with family and friends over the holiday season. I look forward to another year of working with such a wonderful organization and am proud to call each of you my friend. ●

Wishing you a joyous
holiday season from all of
us at GGCSA Headquarters!



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