

Election 2001 candidates at a glance

President

Name: Tommy D. Witt

Age: 47

Course: Director of golf management at StillWaters Resort, Dadeville, Ala.

Former head superintendent at: Wynstone Golf Club in Barrington, Ill.; Bent Tree Country Club in Dallas; Austin (Texas) Country Club; and Riverhill Club, Kerrville, Texas.

Years GCSAA member: 19

GCSAA posts held: On the board of directors since 1994, he currently serves as vice president. He serves as the chairman of the chapter relations and tournament committees, and is vice chairman of the membership standards resource group and the industrial advisory council. He is also a member of the Golden Tee Club.

Other associations: Witt is a member of the Alabama GCSA, the Midwest Asso-

ciation of GCS and the Georgia Course Superintendents Association. He has served as president of both the Central Texas GCSA and the Lone Star GCSA, and was vice president of the North Texas GCSA.

Education: Bachelor's degree in turfgrass management and agronomy from Texas A&M University.

Goals: "It is incumbent upon the GCSAA president to utilize the skills, talents and experience of each board member, the headquarters' staff, the committee process and GCSAA members themselves to identify, develop and provide those programs and services that are necessary for superintendents to be competitive, to continue learning and to do their job."

"It's not a lofty goal to work together to propel the profession forward."



Tommy Witt

Vice President

Name: Michael Wallace

Age: 50

Course: Manager at the Hop Meadow Country Club in Simsbury, Conn.

Former head superintendent at: Rockledge GC and Buena Vista GC, West Hartford, Conn.

Years GCSAA member: 23

GCSAA posts: He currently serves as chairman of the research committee and is vice chairman of the chapter relations and Web strategy committees. He is a lifetime member of the Golden Tee Club.

Other associations: Wallace is a member of the Connecticut Association of GCS and served that association as both president and vice president. He is also a member of the Environmental Industry Council of Connecticut.

Education: Associate's degree in turf

management from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture in Amherst, Mass.

Goals: "My first goal is to give Tommy all the support that I can in moving the association forward. Obviously, Web strategies and developments will continue to be investigated to discover what options are there for the association."

"With PDI, regardless of the votes in Dallas, we're re-vamping our educational programs and will continue to do that. The profession has grown dramatically since the 50's and 60's when my father was a superintendent, and PDI is the next logical step for our members. The challenge is there in front of us, and we should grasp it and just go after the opportunity."



Michael Wallace

Secretary/Treasurer

Name: Jon D. Maddern

Age: 42

Course: Superintendent at Elk Ridge Golf Club in Atlanta, Mich.

Former head superintendent at: Golf, grounds and parks superintendent for the city of Farmington Hills, Mich., and superintendent at Hillcrest Country Club in Mt. Clemens, Mich.

Years in the GCSAA: 24

GCSAA posts: He has served on the board of directors since 1998. He currently serves as chairman of the scholarship and education committees and is board liaison on the faculty resource group.

Other associations: Maddern is a member of the Northern Michigan Turf Managers Association and the Greater

Detroit GCSA. He is a member of the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation, which he has served as vice president and president. Maddern is also a member of the Golf Association of Michigan and the Michigan Golf Foundation.

Education: Turfgrass management certificate from Michigan State

Goals: "I'd like to see more affordable and accessible educational programs. I believe that education and the Internet will be two key issues this year in the association. The PDI is a product that the membership has been

extremely involved in as compared to 1993 when other things were tried and members had no say in them. I feel it is a worthwhile endeavor to grow and improve the profession."



Jon Maddern

Name: Mark J. Woodward

Age: 48

Course: Parks are recreation administrator for the city of Mesa, Ariz., managing Dobson Ranch/Riverview Golf Courses.

Former head superintendent at: Superintendent/administrator at Dobson Ranch and Riverview.

Years GCSAA member: 22

GCSAA posts: Woodward has served on the board of directors since 1999. He currently serves as chairman of the certification and government relations committees and is vice chairman of the tournament committee.

Other associations: Woodward is a member and past president of the Cactus and Pine GCSA of Arizona. He has also served as a regent and instructor at the

National Golf Foundation's National Institute of Golf Management.

Education: Bachelor's degree in environmental resources in agriculture from Arizona State University in Tempe and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Phoenix in Mesa.

Goals: "I would like to see the association continue to move in its current direction of enhancing our educational opportunities and the many programs and services that we provide our membership. With these enhancements, communication with our members will be critical and should continue to be on the forefront, so all members of the GCSAA can take full advantage of what the association has to offer."



Mark Woodward

Directors

Name: Ricky D. Heine

Age: 38

Course: The Golf Club Star Ranch in Austin, Texas

Former head superintendent at: River Place Country Club in Austin also, and Elkins Lake Country Club in Huntsville, Texas.

Years GCSAA member: 19

GCSAA posts: Heine has served on both the chapter relations and career development committees.

Other associations: Heine is a member of the Central Texas GCSA and the Lone Star GCSA, and is a past president of both organizations. He is also a member of the Texas Turfgrass Association and serves on the planning board of the Williamson County Professional Grounds

Conference.

Education: Bachelor's degree in agronomy from Texas A&M

Goals: "My goals, as always, will be to remember my family first, my employer second, and my commitment to the profession right after those two. That is extremely important as far as priorities."

"As a specific goal, that would be to continue to strengthen the association's involvement with individual chapters. Communication with and between chapters will be a strong focus point for the association and myself."



Ricky Heine



Sean Hoolehan

Name: Sean A. Hoolehan

Age: 43

Course: Wildhorse Resort on the Umatilla Indian Reservation in Mission, Ore.

Former head superintendent at: Ko'olau Golf Club in

Kaneohe, Hawaii, and Navy-Marine Golf Course in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Years GCSAA member: 16

GCSAA posts: Hoolehan has served on the certification, election, information services and Web strategy committees, as well as the 75th anniversary resource group.

Other associations: Hoolehan is a

member of the Oregon GCSA and the Idaho GCSA. He previously was a member and past president of the Hawaii GCSA, and is also a member of the USGA Green Section committee.

Education: Turfgrass certificate from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J.

Goals: "Image, career development and the environment are three subjects that are and will continue to be most important to superintendents. With the web strategy committee, we're going to make the GCSAA a real 24-7 operation, giving members more access than ever. Looking back on the association's history, and with this year as the 75th anniversary, I believe we are looking at an exciting and fun period."

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Directors

Name: Robert J. Maibusch

Age: 43

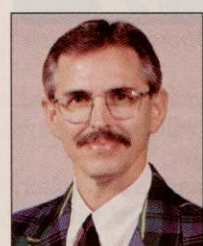
Course: Hinsdale Golf Club in Clarendon Hills, Ill.

Former head superintendent at: N/A

Years GCSAA member: 23

GCSAA posts: Maibusch has been a member of the board of directors for one year. He currently serves as chairman of the publications committee and the limited budget resource group.

Other associations: Maibusch is a member and past president of both the Chicagoland Association of GCS and the Midwest Association of GCS. He is also a member of the Illinois Turf Foundation, the USGA, the Michigan Turf Foundation and the Chicago District Golf Association. He is one of 23 persons in the world to achieve the Master Greenkeeper designation from the British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association.



Robert Maibusch

Education: Bachelor's degree in turf management from Michigan State

Goals: "To continue to move forward with the association's image enhancement. I do believe the PDI will pass, and I do support it. But even if it doesn't, we've put the things in place that are most important. The education system is being restructured, and that will be a huge benefit to the members. We've also got some new programs in the line right now, like a 'limited budget group,' that we hope to jump start this spring. Basically, we're in pretty good shape at the moment and moving in the right direction."

Name: Tim O'Neill

Age: 43

Course: Country Club of Darien, Conn.

Former head superintendent at: N/A

Years GCSAA member: 19

GCSAA posts: O'Neill has been on the board of directors for one year, serving as chairman of the membership committee and the student resource group.

Other associations: O'Neill is a member and past president of the Metropolitan GCSA. He is a member of the Connecticut Association of GCS and the Rhode Island GCSA. O'Neill also is the current past-president of the Tri-State Turf Research Foundation and a member of the Environmental

tal Industry Council of Conn. and the USGA.

Education: B.S. in turfgrass management from the University of Rhode Island

Goals: "Serving on the board this past year has been a tremendous opportunity for me. I am looking forward to the vote regarding the PDI. The process



Tim O'Neill

that was used to develop these standards was an example of members working together to accomplish the same goal. Either way with the vote, the association will remain focused on improving and providing the most relevant education and promoting golf course superintendents."

DSA winners

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South Texas GCSA and the Texas Turfgrass Association. A member of the GCSAA since 1953, he also served on the board of directors from 1959 to 1961.

Weber is a founding board member, a past president and the first green chairman of the Old Westbury Golf & CC (N.Y.) as well as a past president, vice

president and treasurer of the Metropolitan Golf Association. In addition, Weber is a founding board member of the Tri-State Turf Research Foundation, and has served as past president and director of the Long Island Golf Association. A one-time member of the U.S. Golf Association's Green Section Committee, in 1994 Weber also developed an environmental code of conduct for the golf industry. ■

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