

# GCSANC

# THRU THE GREEN

**NEXT MEETING**  
TUESDAY JUNE 21st  
SARATOGA C.C.  
HOST SUPERINTENDENT:  
BRIAN BAGLEY  
CANCELLATION NUMBER:  
(408) 253-1112  
MEETING: 9 A.M.  
LUNCH: 11 A.M.  
GOLF: 12 P.M.  
(SCRAMBLE FOR FIRST  
60 ENTRIES.)  
SPEAKER:  
KATHLEEN PRENZEL from  
SUNSET MANAZINE  
CASUAL DRESS

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The upcoming Superintendent / Professional Tournament, to be held this year at Green Hills C.C., will soon be here. The format this year will be an afternoon of golf followed by dinner and awards. This event has usually been a sell-out, so be sure to get your entries in early.

The recently held California Golf Course Superintendents Association meeting at the San Luis Bay Inn was very successful. The Program included many informative topics such as pump maintenance, wage and hour laws, motivation in the workplace, tissue analysis, the economics of irrigation, Cambridge Drainage Systems, and several other interesting topics presented by Golf Course Superintendents relating to projects they have completed. All individual chapter members in California are automatically membered into the CGCSA, and this Annual Meeting is always worth attending. Our Past President, Al Schlothauer, CGCG, has penned a well written editorial this month regarding "Golf Privileges", and how they apply to our memberships. Please read it carefully as it spells out very succinctly what is

required in order to play another member's course..... Corey Eastwood, CGCS, a second year Board member has left the area to accept a position in Southern California constructing a new course. We will miss Corey on the board and his expertise on the golf course. In his place, the board has appointed Sam Singh, CGCS, to fill the balance of Corey's term. Good luck Corey, and stay in touch. Finally, our thanks to Fred Framsted and Dennis Plato at the Alameda Golf Complex for the use of their fine facility last month, and to Ali Harivandi and Cliff Wagoner, CGCS, for the well thought out program on water management. It was a very timely subject for those of us facing water conservation this summer. One of the most significant ideas to come out of the discussion was the importance of public relations. (con't next page)

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Let your members/golfers, local media, and any one else of significance know what you are doing to conserve. We must be on top of the situation, and be prepared to express that as large scale water users, we are doing the utmost to share the responsibilities in water conservation.

Paul Dias, CGCS

President

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### EDITORIAL: GOLF

Once my Presidency came to an end, I thought my letter writing would follow suit. The topic I am addressing is one that I addressed several times in my President's Message-"GOLF PRIVILEGES."

It has been brought to my attention several times, and it has also happened at my home course; a person has a tee time, shows to play golf, and flashes a Superintendent's Association card and "expects" a complimentary green fee.

"WRONG"

Every golf course (private, public, or municipal) has the right "to or not to" grant a complimentary green fee to whomever they choose - regardless of your organization

affiliation. As a member of GCSANC you may call the Superintendent well in advance (one day is not enough) and ask what their policy is, and then it is up to the Superintendents "Club Policy on whether to grant complimentary green fees or not. When showing up at a course without prior notification, you have a tee time and-or are playing with a member, the green fee should be paid.

Feel fortunate that clubs usually extend this privilege during our monthly meetings. Further abuse by members may well bring to an end any complimentary green fees by any club. Many Superintendents have no control over the club policies. Calling the Superintendent at the same course several times a month is just as much of an abuse as the previous one discussed.

Remember, as a member of GCSANC (no matter which classification you are) your actions are a reflection on us all, locally and nationally. Be professional enough to show "Common Sense" courtesy to call a fellow Superintendent and let them know you may be at their course for a meeting, golf if invited, or whatever the case

may be.

Sincerely,

Al Schlothauer, CGCS

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