

Membership For March

Government Relations

New Applications-30 day wait

Class D

W. Maeder, Petaluma G&CC
D. Ballard, Bennett Valley GC

Class F

Andrew Wheeler, Water Utilities Services, Inc.
Mark Razum, Oakland Athletics Baseball Co.

30 DAY WAIT UP TODAY

CLASS D

Jim Ballard, Bennett Valley GC
Mike Gamble, Spring Hills GC
Clayton Hughes, Del Monte GC
Al Nunez, Canyon Lakes CC
Charles Schultz, Carmel Valley G & CC
Kim Trainor, Del Monte GC

CLASS F

Tammy Kovar, Monsanto Agricultural Co.

PASSED CLASS A EXAM

Clark "Mike" Glasson

To Upgrade Without Testing

In order to meet our primary goal of support by Class A and B members, we the Board of Director's are submitting the following incentive to the membership.

1. **For a one year period only**, if a member wishes to upgrade to a Class A or B, the person must attend 6 meetings in this 12 month period and will not have to test to be upgraded to a Class A or B, if requirements according to the bylaws are met. **GET YOUR APPLICATION IN TO THE BOARD IF YOU PLAN TO UPGRADE AND YOU'LL QUALIFY FOR ATTENDANCE FROM DATE OF APPLICATION FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD ONCE APPLICATION IS RECEIVED.**

2. If a member attends five meetings and cannot make the sixth, they choose to test at that time.

3. People can still test if they choose for class upgrades.

4. The Supt./Pro and Christmas Party are excluded as qualifying meetings. The GCSANC Seminar and GCSAA Seminar count as meetings.

If you have any questions, please contact a Board member.

Thanks Ray

Many thanks to **Ray Story**, and the staff at Green Valley CC for the fine accommodations and food for the February meeting. The presentation on Cart path installation was very informative.

Congress Passes Wetlands Conservation Act

Legislation aimed at preserving North American Wetlands and waterfowl populations is awaiting President Bush's signature after Congress passed it at the end of the session. The North American Wetlands Conservation Act would establish an international council to carry out the provisions of the bill, including protection of 5.6 million acres of wetlands in the U.S. and Canada. The act provides more than \$10 million annually for acquisition, restoration, and enhancement of wetlands. GCSAA plans to share with the council details of wetlands preservation activities at various golf courses.

EPA Issues New Groundwater Guidelines

The Environmental Protection Agency's long-awaited guidelines on a new classification of groundwater restricted-use pesticides should be issued in January, according to agency staffers. The criteria, designed to protect current and potential drinking water sources, will be based on the pesticide's physical and chemical properties that determine its likelihood to leach into groundwater and actual detection of the pesticide in groundwater. The proposed rule would classify targeted pesticides as "restricted use" and limit use to applicators who have completed a special training program to be developed by EPA. The agency's release of the proposal will step up on-going efforts to protect groundwater supplies. As always, superintendents must continue management practices that protect this vital resource.

Endangered Species Program Progressing

EPA's Endangered Species Program continues to shoot for an implementation date of January 1991. Copies of the newly revised and updated "List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants" are available from the Publication's Unit, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington DC 20240. Proposed regulations commented upon by GCSAA and a host of state chapters call for implementing the program through pesticide labeling, using a generic statement on certain products. Those labels will require users to consult county-issued bulletins that outline use limitations.

District Court Upholds Prop. 65

The ability of individual states to regulate different facets of pesticides and fertilizers received a big boost in a precedent-setting California case. Proposition 65, passed by California voters in November 1986, exceeds requirements found in FIFRA, the federal law governing the registration, application, and use of pesticides. The suit filed in U. S. District Court asked the judge to overturn Proposition 65, arguing that FIFRA "pre-empted" the state law. The court rules, however, that "the requirements of the state of California [did not] infringe on federal supremacy in the area of pesticide labeling." Look for states to become even more active in their regulations of practices on golf courses.

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