

# THRU THE GREEN

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## THE MEETING PLACE

### Election Meeting The Villages Golf & CC Host Superintendent: Brian Bagley

It's election time again! Spring is here, our fiscal year is ending and it's time for the annual changing of the guards. Officer, Director and affiliate positions are open. The board urges all voting members to attend the meeting and exercise your rights to vote.

This year's annual meeting is being held at **The Villages Golf & Country Club**, a Robert Muir Graves designed private course in San Jose.

The first nine holes of this

18-hole course were built in 1968; the second nine being completed a year later.

The Villages is a private course with a bit of a twist - it is an "adult community," meaning all the residents must be 55 years of age or older. All 3600 residents are members of the club.

The course is open and designed for higher-handicap players. It looks easy, but the greens can be deceptive and are the most difficult part of the course. The water on eleven of the holes does not factor too much to the courses' difficulty.

Superintendent **Brian Bagley** has been at the Villages for four years.

Brian attended UC Davis, where he received a degree in ornamental horticulture.

After graduation, Brian took the asst. superintendent position at Hillcrest CC in Los Angeles. From there he went to Saratoga CC where he was the superintendent for three years.

Brian is married to his college sweetheart, Katie. They have two sons, Erik and Kevin, ages 2 and 5. The family likes to ski, hike and play softball.

The current president of GCSANC, Brian is an avowed environmentalist and came into office with a "shake it up" attitude.

## Meet the Candidates

### VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

**Rich Lavine:** This past year of service as Secretary/Treasurer has been very rewarding. It has been an honor serving on the Board of Directors with some real professionals. As Vice President, I would strive to work with the President and the Board to further the goals of the Association. I would appreciate your vote and continued support.

**Mike Basile:** I've been on the Board of Directors for five years now. During that time, we have made some changes in our association that I think are good ones. I hope you as members are happy with the direction the association is moving. I would like to be involved with the continuation of these changes. One important note here: if you are unhappy with the association, or have any ideas, you should get involved. Talk to your Board members and let them know how you feel. It is nice to hear a voice now and again to reassure that someone out there cares.

I have had the privilege to serve on the Board with some good superintendents, and some very nice people who care about our industry and our association. They have sacrificed some valuable time serving this association to help all of us. I would like to continue to serve you, and I hope that you will let me continue to do so.

### DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

**Ron Mahaffey:** I appreciate being asked to accept a nomination for our association's Board of Directors. Prior to coming to Oakhurst, I held two positions as Assistant Superintendent. The first was at Desert Horizons Country Club in Indian Wells, and then at Riviera Country Club in Pacific Palisades. I have been at Oakhurst Country Club for almost two years now and enjoy this area. I am looking forward to serving this chapter in whatever capacity it's membership sees fit.

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**Ken Schwark:** I would like to say thank you for allowing me to run for a director's position. I consider serving the association an honor and a privilege. It has given so much to me in the past, I feel it's time to give something back. I hope the qualifications and experience I would bring to this position will help in making this the best board possible. I feel overwhelmed by the challenge of filling the shoes of people who have served in this position in years past, but look forward to meeting that challenge. Thank you.

**Roger Martinez:** I have been working for the City of Salinas Golf Course for the last 20 years and have been a member of GCSANC and GCSAA for the past 15-plus years. I have gotten many benefits from the association and I think it is time for me to give something back. By being active in the organization and getting to know the issues of interest to us, I will help make our organization stronger and work to keep the membership well informed.

**Leonard Theis:** I have been the Golf Course Superintendent for the City of Modesto for the past 5 years and am currently in charge of 45 holes of golf. I have overseen the construction of two championship golf courses, one in Modesto and one in Sacramento. Prior to Modesto, I was the Superintendent for the County of Sacramento, in charge of Ancil Hoffman Golf Course for 9 years. I have been involved in the hiring of two Golf Course Architects for construction of golf courses and the hiring of an architectural firm in charge of building facilities for Calif-Muni Golf Operations. I am 50 years old, married with four grown children. I have a handicap index of 4.7 and have been involved in golf and golf course maintenance since I was five years old.

**WELCOME TO THE GREEN**

**W**elcome to the following new GCSANC members:

**Class B**

**Jeff Jackson**  
Superintendent  
Mace Meadow Golf & CC

**Associates - 30 day wait**

**Scott Stambaugh**  
Asst. Superintendent  
The Golf Club at Quail Lodge

**Vincent Keats**  
Asst. Superintendent  
Contra Costa Country Club

**Thomas Bastis**  
Intern  
Spyglass Hill Golf

**Thomas Estrada**  
Superintendent  
Corral de Tierra CC

**Rene Viviani**  
Superintendent  
Willow Park Golf Course

**Affiliates - 30 day wait**  
**Sally Hilton-Painter**  
Boething Treeland Farms

**Andy Slack**  
West Star Dist.

**Keith Kaminsky**  
Keith Kaminsky Construction

**Upgrade - Class B to A**  
**Anthony Steers**  
Contra Costa Country Club

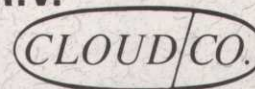
**NAUMANN'S NORCAL NEWS**

**Mike Higuera** has accepted the superintendent position at Riverside Golf Course is Coyote. Mike was the superintendent at Carmel Valley Ranch prior to accepting this position...Mike is replacing **Cliff Rourke** who left Riverside Golf Course to become the superintendent at Summit Pointe Golf Course in Milpitas. American

Golf Corp. has taken over at Summit Pointe...**Sierra Pacific Turf Supply** has obtained the Rainbird Golf Distributorship for the Northern California Coastal region. **Tom Jackson** left the H.V. Carter Company to become the Rainbird Golf representative for Sierra Pacific Turf Supply.

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