# THRU THE GREEN

## **Candidate Statements**

### For President

Joe Rodriguez, CGCS Experience:

I have been the Superintendent at the Rossmoor Golf Course since 1978. Prior to that, I was the chief gardener for Contra Costa County in charge of all landscaped and turf areas within the county's jurisdiction. I have been involved in the horticulture industry for over 35 years. I have previously served on the Board of Directors for a period of six years. My education includes a degree in Ornamental Horticulture from Diablo Valley College, a Management Certification from Los Medanos College, and a Bachelors Degree in Business Management from Saint Mary's College. I also possess a State Contractors License for Landscaping.

Candidate Statement:

After having previously served on the Board as a Director and as President, I can recall that it was an enlightening and frustrating experience and very often an imposition of my time. At the same time, it was a rewarding and learning period in my life. I welcome this opportunity to serve the membership and would definitely like to see more members involved at all levels. What I have to offer is my experience and the belief that one person can make a difference.

### For Vice President

Ken Schwark

In running for Vice President, I want the voting members of this Association that care about where we're headed to know that I too am concerned about our future. Times are changing at a rate that has never been seen before. We, as an Association, have to be prepared to know whether it's in our best interest to change or to stand against certain changes if they aren't in our best interest.

I used the word "prepared" in the last paragraph because that is what a Vice President has to be. I believe I'm very prepared for the task ahead. My first year I served as Programs Director, During that time, I learned how successful a meeting was, depended on the amount of time spent in preparation. I was dedicated to spending as much time as necessary to make those meetings a success.

This is my second year on the board and I'm serving as Secretary/Treasurer. During this time I've gained an understanding of how this Association works and functions. I worked closely with our former Vice President, Leon Snethen, on several projects, one of which was the redesign of the newsletter. All these opportunities have helped me in preparing for the next step as Vice President.

As Vice President, I plan to do

a lot of listening, to bring new ideas to the board from our membership, on helping to make this a more professional Association than it already is. There is going to be a tremendous amount of change in the near future coming from the golfers, environmentalists, politicians, state and federal laws, all of which have an impact on how we do our jobs. Our own National Association is implementing just as many changes. Again, the board has to have strong leadership to disseminate correctly that information to its membership, in order for the membership to choose correctly the path in which it should follow. In order to stay on top in our profession, we must have a vision and the ability to make sound decisions. If these issues concern you the way they do me, then I hope you will vote for me. Thanks!

**Blake Swint** 

I accepted the nomination to be a candidate for Vice President of our Association because I feel that I may best represent all of the classifications of our membership.

I have been a member of the GCSANC since 1985. During the past 11 years, I have gained much from the network of GCSANC member Superintendents sharing their ideas in the informal settings during our meetings. Our Asso-

ciation has provided me the opportunity to attend outstanding educational sessions. Being member of this Association h allowed me to play your fine golf courses. I have enjoyed serving as Director this past year. I have supported the allocation of funds to improve the quality of speakers for our monthly meetings during 1996.

# For Secretary/ **Treasurer**

Roger Martinez

My name is Roger Martinez, and I am a candidate for Secretary/Treasurer. I have been a member of the Board for the last two years and of this Association of ours for 15 years. Also, I've been working for the City of Salinas for the past 23 years.

My goal is to dedicatedly to serve all members and the Association. If I am elected I will be ready to tackle many difficult issues as they come up from the N tional Association. I would like to have the opportunity to continue working on issues that are of concern to all of us.

#### Dave Davies, CGCS

I am currently the Superintendent at Palo Alto Municipal GC. I have held that position for three years and have been a Superintendent for a total of 7 years. I served on the Board of Directors in the Sierra Nevada GCSA from 1990-





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#### Dave Davies (Cont.)

1994, and held the office of Presiof this Association since 1984 and it is my desire to be a more active participant in our future direction. I would like to work on efforts to increase meeting participation as well as continue the current high quality of educational opportunities at our meetings and the annual Institute.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

### For Director

#### Wayne S. Lindelof, CGCS

As a current member of the Board of Directors I have been a willing participant with a positive attitude. I was appointed to the Board in 1995 and have enjoyed serving the Association. I would like to continue these efforts and would appreciate your vote.

#### Forrest W. Arthur

I currently serve as Golf Course perintendent at the Links at Spanish Bay on the Monterey Peninsula. I will have held this position for one full year in April of 1996. I previously held the position of Assistant Superintendent at Pebble Beach Golf Links, Spyglass Hill Golf Course and Hominy Hill Golf Club in Colts Neck, NJ. I also served on several committees for the New Jersey GCSA from 1987 - 1992. I have always had a great interest in serving my profession more politically through the GCSANC since moving to California in

The GCSANC has a past history of serving superintendents in

#### Forrest Arthur(Cont.)

a professional and ethical manner. In serving on the Board of Directors for this Association, I would vow to continue this philosophy and offer new insights to further promote our profession and industry.

Thank you for your consideration.

#### Gary K. Carls, CGCS

It is a honor to be nominated to run for the Board of the GCSA of Northern California. I have been a member of this Association since 1981 and feel I have the opportunity to give something back to this Association at this time. This past year I served on the GCSANC Scholarship Committee and in 1996 I will be serving on the GCSAA Scholarship Committee. I look forward to serving our Association in an expanded role in the years to come. If elected, I will do my best to serve in the interests of our entire membership and do whatever I can to strengthen our local organization. Thank you for your support.

#### Mike Nunemacher

Originally from La Crosse, Wisconsin, I came to California in 1985 to serve in the US Air Force. I served four years at Travis AFB as an electrician. In 1989 I started my own landscape business and continued the business through 1992 along with the golf course business.

I started in the golf course business at Rancho Solano in Fairfield, California. I spent three years learning the ins and outs of

#### Mike Nunemacher (Cont.)

becoming a Superintendent and fulfilled one year before moving to Oakhurst Country Club in Clayton, California as the Assistant Superintendent. After eleven months as the assistant, I was promoted to Superintendent which I currently hold.

The golf course industry has been a positive influence in my life. I am looking forward to continuing my education and gaining more knowledge as I grow to be a better superintendent. By participating on the Golf Course Superintendents Board of Directors, I hope to enhance the image of the Golf Course Superintendents.

#### Bruce W. Olson

We must continue to improve the ability of our Association to identify and act upon the individual and collective needs of our members. Interfacing activities with GCSAA, improved educational programs in turf, people, and business skills, and the fiscal health of the Association are areas of importance to me.

I would like an opportunity to reciprocate all the assistance the organization has given us at Emerald Hills. My current position allows me the time commitment necessary to be an effective Director.

Thank you for considering me a qualified candidate. Jim and I would be most happy to assist in any activity that would help the Association.

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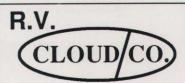


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