

THRU THE GREEN



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The Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California

Diablo Grande Set To Host Scholarship/Research Tournament

The 1996 Scholarship/Research Tournament is looming around the corner. This year's site, Diablo Grande, is one of the more prolific California Developments in recent years. The Ranch Course, site for this year's tournament opened on June 22nd with golf legends Jack Nicklaus and Kathy Whitworth present for the ceremony. Future plans include the Gene Sarazen, Jack Nicklaus designed Legends Course (presently under construction), a resort hotel, shopping and community centers, equestrian center, tennis, a European Spa, winery and several thousand homes. Wow!

Dennis Griffiths and Associates, of Braselton GA, designed the Ranch Course. The course blends well with its native surroundings and takes advantage of natural elevation changes, seasonal creeks, grass hillsides and native blue and valley oaks. One of the unique features of the facility is the equipment maintenance area. A converted horse stable with about two dozen stalls, it makes for perfect storage of tools, equipment, seed, fertilizers, and mowing equipment. A must see!

A familiar name amongst California superintendents, Pete Bowman, CGCS, has served as the course superintendent since September, 1995. Pete has made golf courses his second home for nineteen years with recent stints at Merced Hills GC and Micki Grove GC. A graduate of Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, Pete's credentials are impressive and his commitment to the profession is well recognized. He is a Certified Golf Course Superintendent and presently serves as the Past President of the Sierra Nevada Chapter, Past President of the California GCSA and on the GCSAA's Education Committee. His involvement with the GCSANC began in February this past year. Pete credits many for his successful career, including GCSANC members Sam Singh, CGCS, Alan Mooser, CGCS, and his long association with American Golf. For an individual who has accomplished so much in his career, there remains one elusive goal Pete continues to chase — weekends off!!!

(Editor's Note: For those of you not familiar with Patterson, it is located off of Interstate 5, less than 2 hours from San Francisco. It's a trip well worth making and an opportunity to support two very important Association programs, as well as play an exciting new course.)

Annual Scholarship Research & Education Meeting

Tuesday, August 20, 1996
Diablo Grande Golf Course

Host: Pete Bowman, CGCS

8:30 Check In

9:30 Golf - Lunch and Awards after Golf

- 2 Man Team Scramble
- Pick your partner
- 3 tee shots per person
- 50% combined handicap

Longest Drive, Closest to Hole prizes on Par 3's
Team Prizes

- \$100 per player
- Sign up as a team

Did You Know?

Changes are planned for the California Pesticide Use Reporting Program? Workshops have been scheduled to review the Pesticide Use Reporting System. After the workshops are completed, and written comments obtained, a rulemaking process will begin. For the schedule and location of workshops in California, contact the Department of Pesticide Regulations, or GCSAA 913-832-3610.

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