

Boardroom Briefs

- An effort to increase student awareness of GCSANC Turf Scholarships will be the emphasis of the Scholarship Committee this fall. In addition the Committee intends to become more selective in the awards process, choosing only those students who have an interest in Turfgrass Management..
- Research Chairperson, Dave Davies, will tour the research plots at the Santa Clara Field Station and Sunnyvale Municipal Golf Course in August. Dave will be reviewing current projects and establishing the direction of future projects with Turfgrass advisor, Dr. Ali Harivandi
- A "new look" membership card has been proposed for GCSANC members. Concepts for the new card will be reviewed at an upcoming board meeting and may include such member information as club address, years of membership, and GCSANC logo.
- Dave Davies will be representing the Board of Directors when he travels to Lawrence, Kansas, to participate in the Chapter Relations Meeting, Sept. 7 & 8.
- A Recommendation was made and approved to explore the possibility of marketing a limited line of GCSANC logoed apparel.

Northern California Superintendent Receives Professional Certification

Barry Scott Szydoski, Director of Grounds at Blackhawk Country Club, has been designated a Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS) by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).

Szydoski has been superintendent of the Danville, California course, since 1996. He lives in Discovery Bay, California.

GCSAA instituted the certification program in 1971 to recognize outstanding and progressive superintendents. More than 1,500 active GCSAA members currently hold "CGCS" status.

To become certified, a candidate must have five years' experience as a golf course superintendent, be employed in that capacity and meet specific educational requirements of college credit or continuing education units. The candidate must then pass a rigorous six-hour examination covering knowledge of GCSAA and its Certification Program; the Rules of Golf; Turfgrass Management; Pest Management, Safety and Compliance; and Financial and Organizational Management.

As part of the certification process, an on-site inspection of Szydoski's golf course operation was conducted by two certified golf course superintendents: Ken Williams, CGCS, at Stanford University Golf Course, Stanford, California, and Rafael Barajas, CGCS, at Hacienda Golf Club, La Habra Heights, California.

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Mike Barber is the new superintendent at Blackhawk Country Club in Danville. Mike will be working with the Director of Grounds, Scott Szydoski. Mike was the assistant under Scott Lewis at Menlo CC Mike Basile is finishing up a total reconstruction of all 19 greens at Santa Clara G & TC in Santa Clara. Flint Construction was the contractor and J. Michael Poellot and Associates was the Architect.

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