

Candidates Statements

Blake Swint for President

I have been a member of the Golf Course Superintendent's Association of Northern California since 1985. I have been the Golf Course Superintendent at Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton since 1991. Previously, I was the Superintendent at Sequoyah Country Club located in Oakland for a period of seven years.

I have served on the Board of Directors of our Association during the past two years, last year as Vice-President. It's my wish that you will support me as I work with the other dedicated Board members to continue providing you with excellent services. Strong educational programs like the Superintendent's Institute in the fall, Scholarship and Research programs, golf tournaments and monthly meetings that allow superintendents to share ideas.

This past year the Affiliation process with the GCSAA has gone well. We will continue to progress as an Affiliated Chapter of the GCSAA. I hope you support me this year as I plan to strengthen our relationship with the Northern California Golf Association. One of my goals is that we continue to promote our important role in the increasingly popular and growing golf industry.

I wish to serve you well.

Dave Davies, CGCS for Vice President

I have spend the last year working with a group of professionals dedicated to the growth and improvement of our Association. It is my hope to continue working to serve this Association as Vice President. I will be working to improve the existing relationships between our Association, the Northern California Professional Golfers Association and the Northern California Golf Association. In addition I will work to enhance the fund-raising efforts of our Association. The continued growth of the Scholarship/Research and Education Tournament will ensure a positive impact on the educational content of our meetings and financial support to local and regional research as well as students who are entering our industry.

My term as Secretary/Treasurer has been a wonderful experience. It has been a pleasure representing our Association on numerous occasions. Thank you for your continuing support.

Gary K. Carls, CGCS for Secretary - Treasurer

It is an honor to be nominated to run for Secretary - Treasurer of the GCSANC. My past year on the board has been a rewarding experience and I look forward to serving in a new role in the year to come. I have served on

the Scholarship Committees for both the GCSANC and GCSAA this past year and hope to also continue in those roles this year. If elected, I will do my best to continue to make our Association as strong and respected as possible. Thank you for your support.

Bob Costa, CGCS for Director

I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve as a member of the Board of Directors the past two years. Prior to being elected in 1995, my interest in serving on the board was to enhance the educational opportunities available to the membership and to promote the golf course management profession, specifically our Northern California chapter. I feel that through my involvement with the monthly programs, Superintendents Institute, chapter newsletter and other projects that I have perhaps in a small way achieved those goals. After two years of service, I still posses the energy and commitment to carry on and if reelected will look forward to working together with the Board in the hopes of realizing our future goals.

Mike Nunemacher for Director

Originally from La Crosse, Wisconsin, I came to California in 1985 to serve in the US Air Force. After serving four years at Travis Air Force Base as an electrician, I started my own landscape business in the Fairfield/Vacaville area and continued that until 1992.

In 1990, in an effort to learn more about the

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golfing industry, I started working at Rancho Solano Golf Course in Fairfield, California. I spent three years learning the ins and outs of golf course maintenance and in 1993 I was promoted to 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 - the position 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 with the Golf Course Superintendents board of directors, I hope to enhance the image of our profession and help in communication among other Golf Course Superintendents.

Forrest W. Arthur for Director

I currently serve as Golf Course Superintendent at The Links at Spanish Bay on the Monterey Peninsula. I will have held this position for two full years in April of 1997. I have spent the last year serving on the board of directors and have enjoyed the term immensely. I would like to continue to serve this Association in the upcoming year to further aid the board to achieve their goals. This past year, I was involved with the tournament committee under Blake Swint's tutelage. I would relish the opportunity to chair this committee in 1997 and raise the productivity of all our tournaments and meetings. Our tournaments are great fun and provide us with an opportunity to socialize and see other superintendents techniques. I would like to enhance these opportunities while encouraging more participation from all of our members.

The GCSANC has a past history of serving superintendents in a professional and ethical manner. In serving a second term 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.

Don Paul for Director

I have had a passion and respect for the game of golf since I was a boy. I have always loved nature and feel very fortunate to be working as a golf course superintendent. I understand the difficult challenges that today's superintendents must face and I accept those challenges with a commitment to excellence.

Having been a member of the GCSANC and GCSAA since 1989, I feel the time is right to try and give something in return to my local Association. As a member of the GCSANC, I have established many great relationships, learned from fellow members and guest speakers, and managed to break pretty close to even playing skins in all the golf matches! It's been a fun experience and I look forward to the following years with anticipation and excitement. I have decided to try and serve the members of this Association by running for a Director position on the GCSANC Board of Directors for the year 1997. In so doing, I hope to provide the membership with leadership, direction and motivation in meeting our common goals for the future. I am thankful to all of those who have served on past boards as well as to those who are presently serving, and appreciate the time and effort they've given to further enhance our cause.

If elected as a Director on the board, I will try to exploit an increase in comradery among all the Superintendents in the Association. I feel that because all of us are working toward a common goal, it is critical that we continue to communicate our ideas, discuss our successes and failures, and support one another professionally. The Association, our professional image and the quality of our courses will all benefit from improving and expanding relations with one another.

I look forward to meeting with all of you at future meetings and thanks for your consideration as a candidate for the board.

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