


asier to teach a superintendent the skills needed to work in a management position that it would be to train a manager to be a superintendent.

Many times I've heard war stories about superintendents losing their jobs because a general manager and the superintendent couldn't see eye to eye on how to go about getting a task done. That's because the manger didn't understand the importance of the task to be done to the overall condition of the course. We, as superintendents who would become managers, would understand the importance of the task and would be very accommodating to the superintendent in getting the task finished with as little disruption to the golfer as possible. I feel superintendents with the proper training would make the best managers in the golf business. That is of course if the superintendent feels that is what he wants to become.

In closing I just would like to say that I have taken this time now in my life to look down the road and took hard at where I'm headed. I see myself making that move at some point in the future and have taken steps on my own to prepare for that welcome change in my life. Management will not be for everyone, but for the people who wish to pursue that path, I want to do all I can to help my fellow superintendent get the tools needed to make that transition as

smooth and successful as possible. So I ask all who feel the same way as I do to call the GCSAA and tell them you are interested in having them put together a program to make that happen and that you encourage them to allow all of the golf course managers that are not wanted by the CCMA to join the GCSAA and to help up strengthen our position in the golf business. 

Quick Quote

"As an Association it should give us great courage and a measure of satisfaction to know that we are gaining in numbers and prestige after being organized for only nine months.

This is rightly so for our aim is not only to better conditions for ourselves, but for every individual that plays golf in this section."

— Will Rogers, President January 1933—

Naumann's NorCal News

Scott Szydloski has left Blackhawk CC in Danville to become the Superintendent/Director of Grounds for Western Resorts. Western Resorts owns Mission Hills CC (2 courses, North and South) which is located in Rancho Mirage, California. Mission Hills CC is operated by American Golf Corporation. Mike Barber will be staying on as Superintendent at Blackhawk until a new Director of Grounds is named . . . **John Flackman** at Bennet Valley GC in Santa Rosa continues to be busy with the reconstruction of two more greens with more on the horizon. **Ed Stocke** is helping John with the project that is being built in-house . . . What do **Mickey, Bill, Ed and Bogey** have in common? They are all Border Collies that are keeping their respective golf courses free from Canadian Geese and Coots. (Corral de Tierra CC; Shoreline GC; Spring Valley CC and Peacock Gap GC).

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