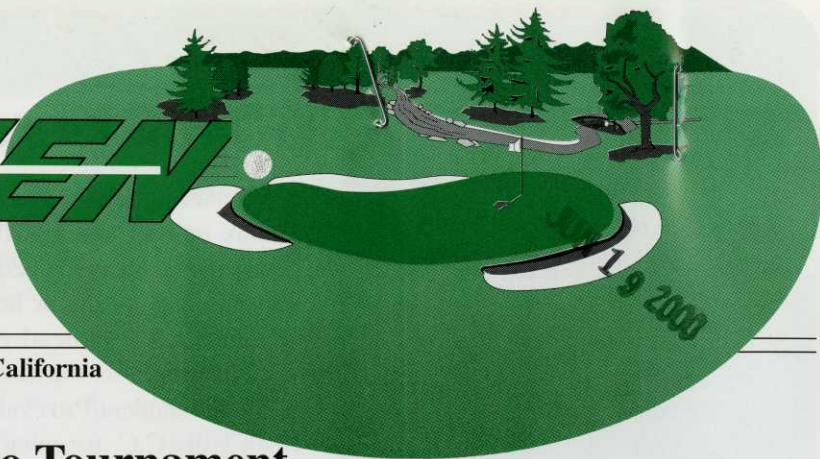


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The Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California



Barret to Host Superintendent/Pro Tournament

By Ken Williams, CGCS

Walt Barret and the beautiful Green Hills Country Club are hosting this year's GCSANC Superintendent Pro Tournament on June 26. Thanks go out to Terry Grasso who provided a little motivation in setting up this year's event. The event allows a superintendent and his professional to team up in a fun golf format away from home. It promises to be one of the years best.

Green Hills CC is located in Millbrae and was originally designed by the great Dr. Alister MacKenzie. The wonderful gently rolling course opened in 1930. The golf course is not long by modern standards but features numerous beautiful MacKenzie design elements that challenge the player. Accurate shot making will be at a premium on this classic course.

Maintenance Staff Numbers Seventy For US Open

To establish the level of conditioning required for a US Open, the maintenance staff at Pebble Beach Golf Links, already numbering thirty, will swell to seventy during the US Open.

According to Ted Horton, Vice President of Resource Management for the Pebble Beach Company, forty volunteer Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents from around the country will lend a hand as course conditions are geared to perfection. "The response we received was so overwhelming that we had to turn many volunteers away" said Horton. "Having experienced golf course personnel to assist in preparing the course is a great asset. Their experience will be invaluable" Included in the list of volunteers are superintendents that have traveled from as far as Canada and Australia.

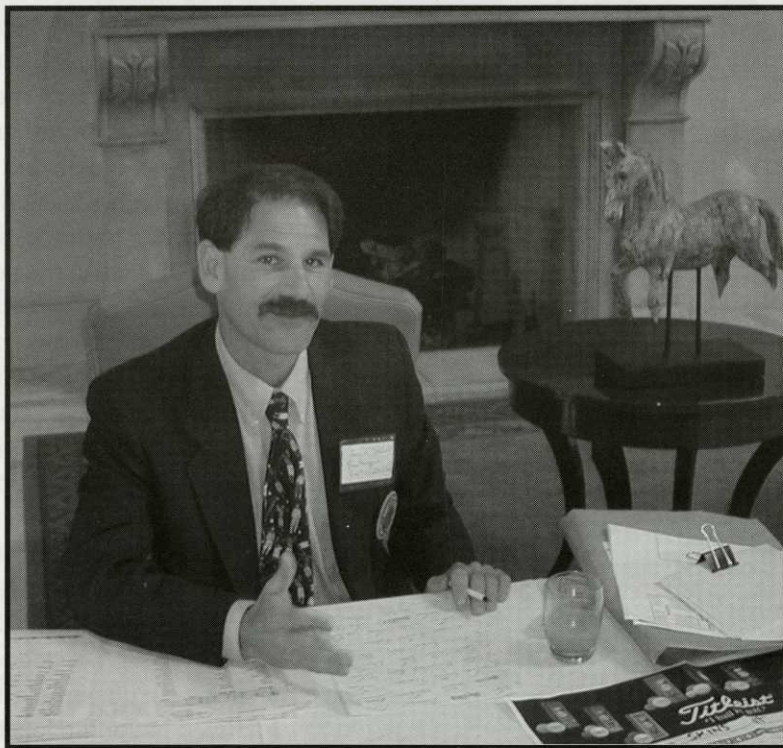
Scheduling the staffs daily assignments will be the responsibility of course Superintendent Eric Greytok and his Assistants, Jack Holt, Ryan Wyckoff and Dan Warne. Greytok, who assumed the superintendent reins at Pebble just a few months ago, plans to use the volunteers in a

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Over the last 12 years, Walt Barret has worked hard maintaining and restoring many of the elements from the original design. Numerous subtle changes have been made over the years including new stone bridges, natural landscape plantings, bunker restoration, and some green and tee remodels. Walt's meticulous standards make the course one not to miss.

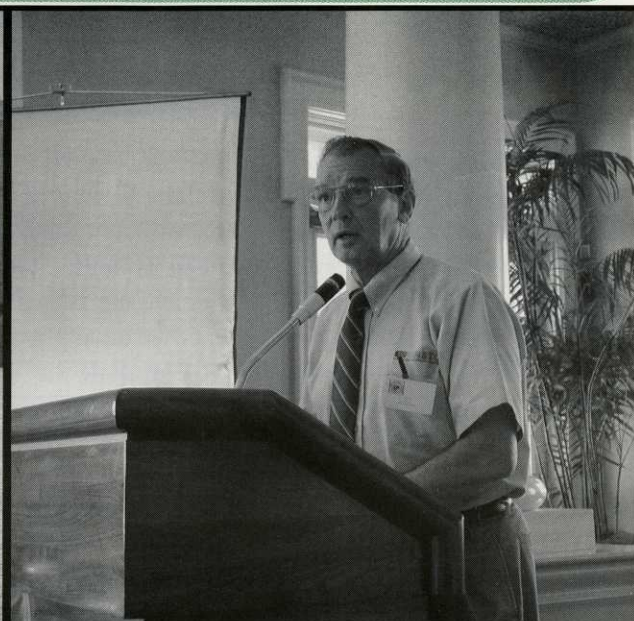
Educationally, Walt is a graduate of the University of Santa Clara where he received his BS degree. Prior to Green Hills, Walt worked at the Olympic Club with Mr. John Fleming (which is a great education in itself!)

Away from the course, Walt is married and has boys aged 4 and 8. When he's not busy being a father, husband or Golf Course Superintendent, he enjoys getting away and fly-fishing. Let's just hope the line gets wet once in a while! /



Gary Skolnik checks in Attendees at the Field Workshop. See Ruby Hill on Page 7

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*Above Left: Workshop attendees view field demonstrations.
Above Right: Dick Dubey of NSTC speaks on Washwater Laws and Regs. at the workshop. Left: Dick Dubey describes the Washwater Recycler at Ruby Hill.*

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We would like to thank **Rex Gentry** of H. V. Carter Company, Inc. for hosting the first three Board of Directors meetings this year. **Dave Graves** and the entire **H. V Carter Company staff** have made the Board welcome members of the Monday routine at their Livermore Office.

Field Workshop a Success at Ruby Hill

The second annual Superintendent's Field Workshop went off without a hitch last month. Superintendent Mark Licon of Ruby Hill GC in Pleasanton hosted the event. Approximately 70 GCSANC members listened to morning speaker presentations and then viewed field demonstrations on the golf course and maintenance facility. The theme for the event was bermudagrass management and attendees got to witness firsthand the considerable bermudagrass renovation procedures used at Ruby Hill.

Dick Dubey of NSTC also gave a good presentation on equipment rinsewater laws and regulations. He noted that technically, any rinsewater coming off of equipment cannot be discharged directly to ground without a permit. He also gave an informative demonstration of the rinsewater recycling equipment in use at Ruby.

By the time the golf event began, temperatures were near 100 degrees. Still, about 40 brave souls ventured out to play. A big thanks go out to Far West Equipment for supplying the beverage cart for the round. There were many of us who probably wouldn't have made it around without them! /



GCSANC Members Walk the Fairways at Ruby Hill

