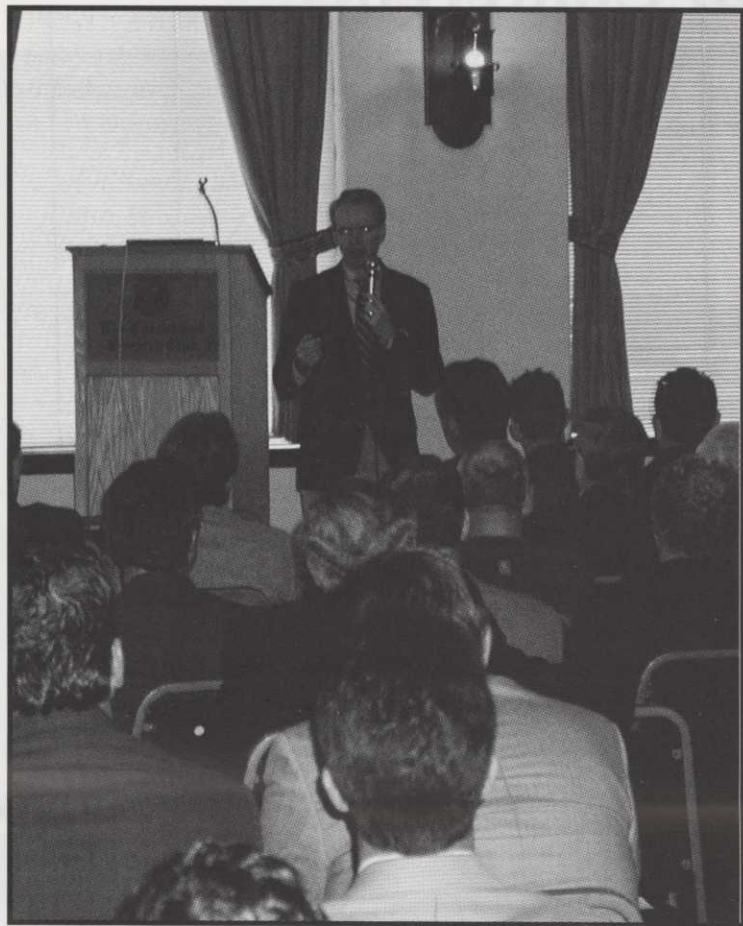




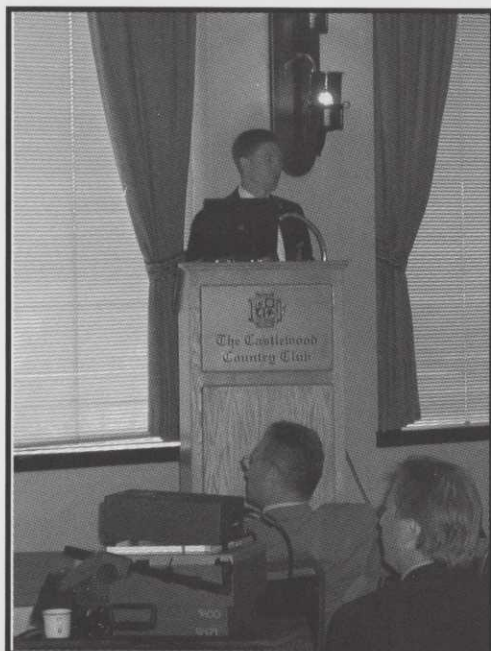
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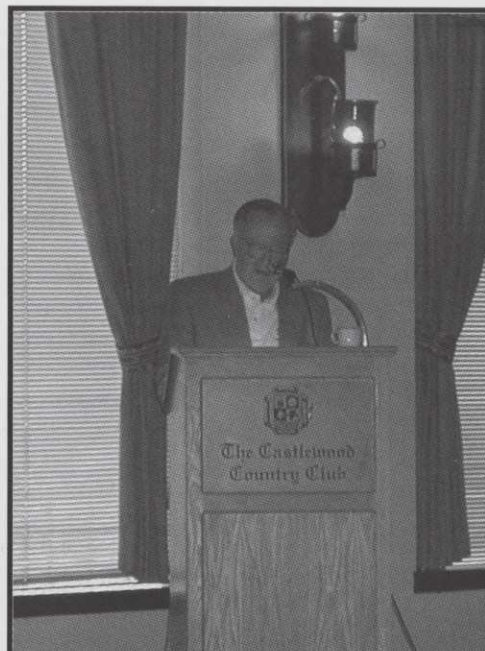
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A Hungry Group

← "Hitting the wall"



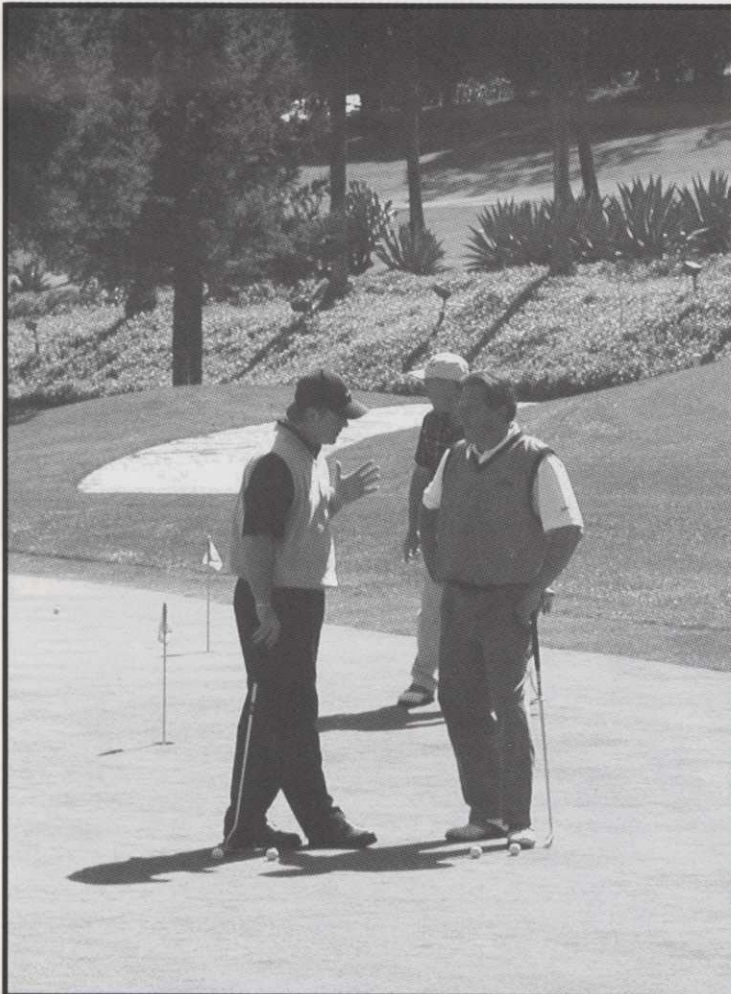
GCSANC Members loosen up



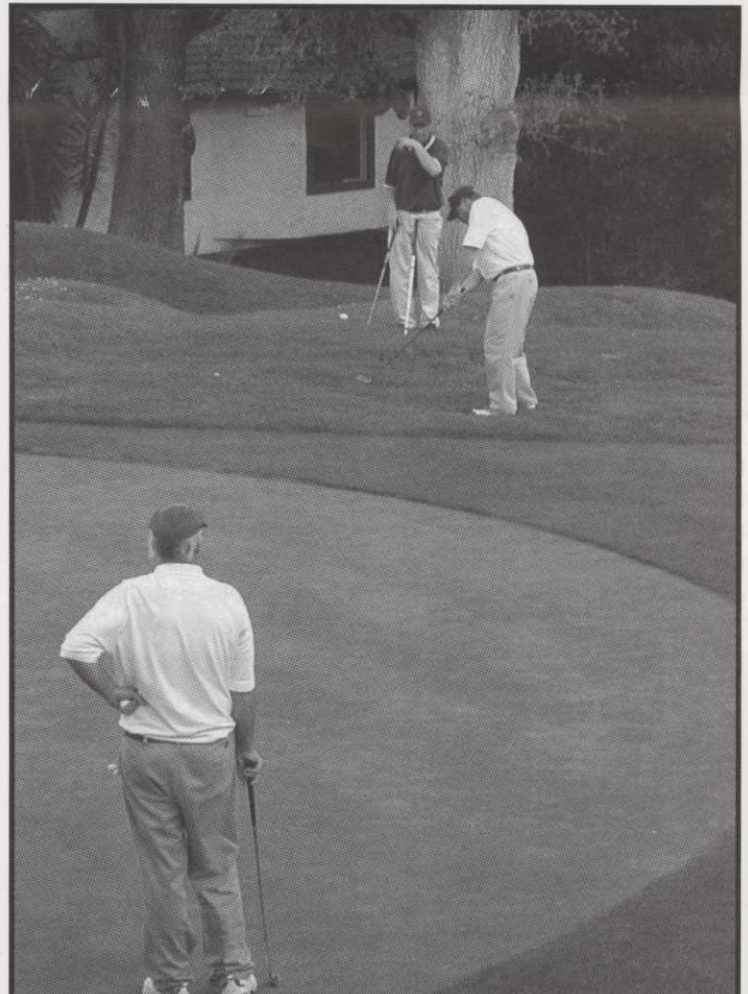
Loading up for golf

USGA/NCGA Meeting Highlights

- * The meeting was very well attended.
- * Bob Murphy entertained the crowd with his Irish humor.
- * Ali Harivandi, PhD shared preliminary results of his bentgrass trials.
- * Dick Rugge of the USGA spoke about the USGA's stand on high tech golf equipment.
- * Pat Gross addressed the shrinking golf course labor pool and the costs quality labor.
- * Eric Nelson, PhD discussed new biotechnologies and the new herbicide resistant bentgrasses.
- * Mike Huck touched on the importance of irrigation monitoring and IPM practices influencing the golf course economy.



Lewis & Garvale — "Talking shop at Castlewood"



Roger Robarge pitching onto the green as Gary Rodgers looks on.



Boardroom Briefs

By Bob Lopic

- Authorized \$1,500 to help fund the first year of research by UC Davis for a study of the parasitic nematode, *Angunia pacifica*. Primary researcher will be Ms. Becky Westerdahl. The USGA, NCGA and a number of golf courses are also involved as contributors or as research sites. If you have an interest in this project, contact any Board member for more information. Pat Gross of the USGA will issue updates on the research so that we will be able to follow the results.
- The Pro/ Supt. tournament has been reformatted to include all members. We have a great venue (Palo Alto Hills CC) for this event. Watch for details and sign up early.
- Voted to support the Oakland Youth Education program by supplying speakers to talk with students. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone interested in mentoring young people. Contact a Board member if you want to get involved or need more information.

Naumann's NorCal News

Chris Mains has accepted the Superintendent's position at Spring Valley Golf Course in Milpitas. Chris will be working with **Greg Jetter** who is the Director of Grounds and Construction. Chris was the assistant for **Randy Gai** at Claremont Country Club prior to his move.... **John Martin** is coming back to the Bay Area and will be the Superintendent at Contra Costa Country Club in Pleasant Hill. John was the Supt at Sun City Lincoln Hills prior to moving back...**Mike Leach** was recently given the award as 'City Employee of the Year' for the City of Pacific Grove. Mike is the Superintendent and General Manager for the Pacific Grove Golf Course. He was given the award by the Chamber of Commerce at a public ceremony...Poplar Creek Golf Course was recently given the 'Award of Excellence in Park Planning-Special Purpose Facility' by the California Parks and Recreation Society. Receiving the award were Golf Course Super **Dulbag Dubria**, Project Manager **Ron Mason** and Golf Services Manager **Tim Heck**. Poplar Creek is a newly renovated golf course owned by the City of San Mateo.....

NCGA Supt. Internship Program Announces Three Openings

The Northern California Golf Association is taking applications for three openings in the highly regarded Golf Course Superintendent Internship Program. The internship program, the only one of its kind in the nation, can be up to two years in duration. The paid internship requires participants to complete ten blocks of instruction that include managerial skills, irrigation system management and equipment maintenance to name a few.

Applicants must have at least two years of college with course work that includes agronomy, horticulture or turf management. Several of the recent interns have had four-year degrees. Prior work experience on a golf course is highly recommended. The applicants must also understand the game of golf. Courses that will host an intern will be in the East Bay, Sacramento and Lake Tahoe areas. Applications can be obtained online at www.ncga.org. All applications must be postmarked by May 10.



USGA Speakers, Mike Huck and Pat Gross

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Mike Ligon and Rex Gentry "I promise I'll be home right after the meeting, honey."