

GCSANC Historical Series To Premiere Next Month

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As GCSAA celebrates its 75th Anniversary, I have had an increased awareness of the great history of our own chapter. GCSANC is one of the oldest and largest chapters of GCSAA. Over the past several months I have had numerous discussions with members of our chapter about who were some of our early leaders and how our chapter and business has evolved over the years. In the coming months we will be attempting to profile some of those early leaders and events that shaped GCSANC as we know it today.

My personal knowledge only goes back 20 years but we are fortunate, due in large

part to the efforts of Myrtle and Cliff Wagoner CGCS who compiled a great history of our chapter for our 65th Anniversary, to still have records and photographs that go back as early as June 6th, 1932. On that day GCSANC was first formed as the Northern California Greenskeepers Association and met at the Presidio Golf Course in San Francisco. Twenty members attended and Will Rogers of Contra Costa C.C. became our first president. Today, Robert Costa CGCS is the 50th individual to serve in the role of chapter president and we have over 600 members. Two GCSANC presidents served as GCSAA president. Walter

Boysen of Sequoyah C.C. was GCSAA president in 1967 and Clifford A. Wagoner CGCS, was GCSAA president in 1973.

Over the years a lot of things have changed but many issues still remain the same. As early as 1933 there were discussions about how to increase meeting attendance. Good education was seen as the way to create interest in meetings. Dues, meeting costs, and attire were also discussed frequently. In the early years, as is still the case, we all get together for some education and camaraderie and come away better for the experience.

In the months to come I hope to profile some of our

most important leaders from the past and perhaps include a short historical item in this column. As I get older, my appreciation for the hard work of those that have preceded me gets stronger. I also think it is important for the younger members of our association to understand the great history of GCSANC. We have a lot of years and a lot of people to cover but I hope everyone enjoys the journey. If you have any specific topics or individuals you think we need to profile please let me know. Next month we will be profiling Walter Boysen as part of our look at Sequoyah Country Club. Hope everyone enjoys./

GCSANC Continues Its Support of Junior Golf

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California renewed its support of the Alameda Junior Pro Shop with a recent \$1,000 dollar donation, along with several sets of golf equipment. The contribution was made at the GCSANC Annual meeting at Sunnyvale Golf Course.

The Alameda Junior Pro Shop was developed by Jerry Berrow as a means of providing junior golfers with used clubs and equipment. His program has benefited juniors in the Bay Area as well as in (30) states and (8) foreign countries.

Current association President Bob Costa praised Jerry and his junior program. "The GCSANC is pleased to make a contribution to a program that has benefited so many young golfers" said Costa. "Programs

such as this, expose young people to golf who otherwise may never have considered playing the game".

The donation marks the second year NorCal Superintendents have supported Berrow's junior program, a relationship Costa hopes will continue. "Our members recognize the importance of junior golf and its influence on the growth of the game. We hope that our continued support demonstrates our long-term commitment to the program".

Juniors Kimberly Conocono and Anthony Esguerra, guests of the association, accompanied Berrow at the event. The threesome joined GCSANC members in the afternoon golf tournament at the conclusion of the meeting. /



Dave Mastroleo — grower of grass plots '4' I.S.I.
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