



A Brief History of the California Golf Course Superintendent's Association

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Many of us recently attended the Annual Meeting of the CGCSA in Shell Beach. Very few of us know much about the history or purpose of this organization. In the state of California there are six affiliated chapters to GCSAA. They are the GCSA of Southern California (1927), GCSA of Northern California (1932), Hi-Lo GCSA (1958), San Diego GCSA (1962), Central California GCSA (1963) and Sierra-Nevada GCSA (1976). The Midway GCSA was the original sixth chapter.

In 1963 a meeting of the chapter presidents from throughout the state was held in Bakersfield to discuss the formation of a statewide association. Cliff Wagoner and Dick Viergever were assigned the task to outline bylaws for

this new association. At a meeting on January 7th, 1964 officers of all the California Chapters voted to form the California Federation of Golf Course Superintendent Associations. Unlike a regular chapter, the members of this association were the chapters themselves. George Lanphear from the Hi-Lo GCSA was elected the first president of the Federation. Cliff Wagoner was the 1st Vice-President. The first bylaws were adopted on June 1, 1964. In 1980 the name was changed to "California Golf Course Superintendents Associations" and revised to "California Golf Course Superintendents Association" in 1995.

The purpose of the Federation was to provide California with a unified voice in matters not only on the statewide level, but also on the national scene. The

Federation was also hoping to provide education and promote the professional status of the golf course superintendent. The purpose today remains much the same as it was originally intended. Each chapter in the state sends two representatives to the CGCSA BOD. Current CGCSA officers are Pat Gradoville CGCS (GCSASC) President, Gary K. Carls CGCS (GCSANC) Vice-President and Jessie Creencia CGCS (SNGCSA) Secretary-Treasurer. Jeff Shafer currently acts as the second GCSANC representative. Each chapter member is a state chapter member and the chapter pays \$5 per member as state dues to help fund the state association. Bob Tillema CGCS is the current state chapter manager.

Currently the CGCSA is involved in assisting local

chapters with research funding through cooperative efforts with the chapters and GCSAA. There are several current research projects throughout the state that have taken advantage of these funding opportunities. The CGCSA is also currently a major contributor in an economic impact study for the golf industry in California. Results of this survey should be available sometime late this fall. Results of this survey will be important in showing the State Legislature the enormous impact of golf to the state economy.

The CGCSA also employs a public advocate, Mr. George Steffes, in Sacramento to assist in identifying and targeting bills that may affect our profession and allow us to voice our concerns about those bills to the California State Legislature. Some of the major issues we

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Take Your Daughter To The Course Week Set

The National Golf Course Owners Association, in cooperation with Golf Digest Woman, is sponsoring the second annual "Take Your Daughter to the Course Week" June 18-24. More than 200 courses and 2000 girls participated in last year's event.

"This is a great opportunity for golf courses to reach a typically underserved segment of the market - junior girls. Only 13 percent of junior golfers are girls and this program is a simple, yet extremely effective, way to reach that market," said Anne Lyndrup, NCGOA director of

player development.

Last year's event was in April in conjunction with the national Take Your Daughter to Work Day. However, many courses in colder climates were unable to participate to the extent they would have liked and others felt that more girls would have been able to take part if the event was not held during the school year.

"We're really excited to help more girls discover early on the pleasures and challenges of the game their mothers, aunts, and big sisters already love," said Rona Cherry, editor in chief of Golf Digest Woman. "As our readers often tell us, the joys of golf last a lifetime."

Inaugural Assistant's Meeting at De LaVeaga

De LaVeaga GC and Don Paul, CGCS will be hosting the first annual GCSANC Assistant Superintendent meeting in July. Superintendents are encouraged to send their Assistants to this meeting scheduled for Monday July 9th. The meeting will address topics and issues relating to the Assistant Superintendent. Superintendent and Affiliates are also encouraged to attend the meeting and play golf.

The meeting will begin at 9:00 am and feature the USGA Green Section Agronomist Patrick Gross. Lunch is scheduled for 11:30 and golf shotgun at 1:00 pm.

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