

# In The News

## TheSCOOP

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## Vince Keats Interview

GCSANC BOD Member, **Vince Keats** of Napa Valley Country Club was interviewed at the PGA Champions Tour event at Sonoma Golf Club in Sonoma, CA. Keats shared his thoughts on the multi-faceted role of today's golf course superintendent. He also spoke about the GCSANC's involvement in allied water efforts.

## Stanford Supports Good Causes

(L) GCSANC Member **Ken Williams** made sure the course was in excellent condition for the "Golf for Business and Life" event at Stanford University Golf Course. Joining Ken are (L to R) PGA of America Community Relations Director **Earnie Ellison**, Stanford's "Golf for Business and Life" Program Director **Jim Miller**, and **Kurt Uchiyama** Program Instructor.

*The tournament supported two good causes, Special Olympics and Stanford's "Golf for Business and Life" program.*



## Tips from the USGA Frost, Firewood, and Winter Putting Conditions

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When the sun is positioned low on the horizon, long shadows cast from trees shading eastern and southern exposures have a significant impact on how early greens thaw and become playable. Golfers and club officials are probably more likely to approve the removal of trees that delay starting times than any other reason imaginable. Reducing early morning shade will not only melt frost and get players on the course earlier, but will help to maintain warmer soil temperatures improving winter and spring growth. Additionally, scientific evidence shows that early morning sunlight on greens is extremely important to grow healthy turf and deep roots. Compared with greens growing in cleared areas, those in shaded surroundings are much slower to respond in the spring and often enter summer in a weakened state.

Therefore, if your golfers are interested in getting on the course earlier in the morning and improving both winter and spring playing conditions, I have two suggestions: be patient and let the frost melt ... and cut some firewood to warm the greens.

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