

Events



March 21st

USGA/NCGA Meeting
Castlewood Country Club

April

Superintendents Workshop,
Callipe Preserve Golf

May 15th, 16th, 17th

State Meeting, Reno, NV

June

Superintendent/Pro,
Sonoma Golf Club

July

Assistant Superintendent

California GCSA Launches e-Newsletter

The California GCSA has launched an electronic newsletter to provide the state's golf course superintendents with the latest California turf news.

Association Manager Bob Tillema, CGCS, said he got the idea for the monthly newsletter from similar ones he receives. He said, "I get a lot of emails. Several of them are one-page magazines. That's where I got the idea for the California GCSA E-Magazine, a once a month, one page magazine, with the latest California News for the California superintendents. I've also included links to different information our members may be interested in viewing".

Tillema is also the Webmaster for the California GCSA Web site, which began in 1998 when he was on the board of directors. He volunteered to look into having a site created for the chapter, and ended up designing the site, which was initially hosted on the GCSAA Web site. It has since moved to <http://www.californiagcsa.org/>.

Then, at a strategic planning meeting last August, the association decided to improve the site.

Tillema said the goal was to, "Make it a place where our membership would want to return, a single site that would offer most of the items a superintendent need. Things like weather, membership forum, turf research, current news, event calendar and job opportunities."

While he was waiting for bids on the redesign, Tillema began working on it himself. He said, "The redesign came out so good we didn't need a professional to do a redesign, and saved the association about \$1000 to \$2000 dollars."

The e-newsletter can be accessed by going to: <http://www.californiagcsa.org/e-magazine.html>

What's Bugging Me

By Andy Slack

You know what really bugs me about irrigation? Bugs! Insects (aka bugs) are probably the greatest reason electronic satellite components are sent in for repair. How many times have you found earwigs, spiders, and other insects crawling around in your irrigation satellites? You know why – because it's usually warmer, and dryer inside the satellite than anywhere else they can hang out.

So, what can we do to help save ourselves a lot of money each year out of our irrigation budget? If we can decrease the amount of insects in our satellites, then hopefully, we should be able to decrease the amount of money we spend on irrigation controller repairs!

Every spring and fall, your irrigation technician should be going through all of the satellites on the course, and giving them a good cleaning. Once your satellites are properly cleaned, you should put some granular insecticide in the base of each satellite, as well as maybe put some mothballs (urinal cakes work well too!), or other type of insect control in the base.

The twice yearly cleaning, as well as the insecticide will help keep the insects from overtaking your irrigation satellites as quickly as they normally do. This small investment of time can save you not only money, but also the headaches of troubleshooting your irrigation system!

2005 Joe Dey Award winner named

Pearl Carey of Seaside, CA, a former president of the Western States Golf Association and a member of the USGA Regional Affairs Committee, will be the second woman to receive the USGA Joe Dey Award.

Given since 1996, the award is named in honor of the late Joe Dey, who served as USGA executive director for 35 years and was later commissioner of the PGA Tour. It is given in recognition of meritorious service to the game of golf as a volunteer.

"The chairman [of the selection committee] called me a couple of weeks ago and I've been sick ever since," said an elated Carey. "I can't eat, I can't sleep. Oh my ... this is such an exciting thing I can't believe it. I would have never thought I would get such a thing."

Carey grew up in an era when many golf facilities were unavailable to minorities and vowed to help change that in her community. As a member of the Western States Golf Association (WSGA), one of the oldest African-American golf associations, she held numerous positions and championed programs to open the game to minorities.

Among her many contributions to the game, she secured funding from the USGA Foundation to implement the Seaside Junior Golf Program in 1997. Four graduates of that program are currently playing college golf. She is a former Monterey area director of the Pacific Women's Golf Association and was the Association's president in 1994.

Her previous awards include the 2002 California Golf Writers Association Golden State Award for lifetime service to the game and especially to junior and women's golf. In 2003, she received the Helen Lengfeld Award from the Pacific Women's Golf Association for outstanding service to the Association.

She follows Adele Lebow, who was the first woman to receive the award, in 2004.

The Joe Dey Award has previously been awarded to Charles Eckstein (1996), John Staver (1997), Joe King (1998), Frank Anglim (1999), Jack Emich (2000), Bill Dickey (2001), Clyde Luther (2002), John Hanna (2003) and Adele Lebow (2004).