

As the GCSANC moves forward into 2006, it's a good time to reflect on our accomplishments while also reevaluating our goals for the future. As an association, I believe our number one goal should be serving our members. But what does that mean? We hear that mentioned all the time. To me, it means listening closely to our members and uncovering what they want from our association.

How can we assist you in your career? How can we help you at your facility? Do you want more educational opportunities? Do you want more opportunities to get D.P.R. hours or do you need help or information about the new P.D.I. renewal requirements? As you may know, 2006 is the first year of the renewal cycle. Do you have all the points necessary? Do you even know what's required? Don't be afraid to ask and explore. Remember, this is your association!

My hopes for 2006 are to encourage your involvement in the GCSANC in some way. The best way to be a successful member service organization is for the members to participate and to get others involved too. Please call a fellow superintendent and bring him or her to a meeting. Encourage your assistant to join you at a GCSANC event, as they are the future of this association. Contact a board member and volunteer for a committee. In support of these efforts we will be sending out an e-mail asking for volunteers to serve on committees. I hope you'll take this opportunity to get involved. The more members that get involved with the association, the more success we'll have in addressing the needs of our members.

We all know that for us to be successful as superintendents our facilities must be successful and to reach that goal we need to be more involved in the operations at our facilities. Gone are the days with the superintendent in the maintenance facility echoing the words... "All I want to do is grow grass." We have an opportunity to become active leaders and participate in the success of our facilities and, in turn, enhance our own success. GCSAA and GCSANC have many resources available to help you become an even more valuable asset at your course, thus furthering your career. I urge you to take advantage of these resources.

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OFFICE NOTES

**Barb Mikel,**

GCSANC Association Manager

I'd like to welcome Troy Flanagan and Craig Zellers to the GCSANC board. Congratulations to all the new officers too. I'm looking forward to the upcoming year!

My thanks go out to all those previous board members who continue their service to the organization. A special thanks goes to Gary Carls, CGCS for his ten years plus of service to the GCANC, CGCSA and GCSAA. Congratulations to Pat Finlen, CGCS on his election as GCSAA Director. The words exchanged by Gary and Pat on the California GCSA member forum posting demonstrate the best the profession has to offer.

Looking ahead, 2007 will mark the 75th year for Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California. Your ideas and thoughts regarding this special year are welcomed and appreciated.

The second GCSAA Golf Industry Show is history. Congratulations to all those participating in the Golf Championship. California was well represented in the event winner listing. While you traveled to Atlanta, I was able to once again attend The California Golf Writer's Awards Dinner at the AT&T Pro-Am. Each year, award winners from the various industry segments are acknowledged at this event. Bob Lopic, GCSANC Superintendent of the Year has joined those previously recognized for their leadership and service to the profession. Congratulations Bob!

### FRIENDS OF SAM SINGH

The 4th Annual Sam Singh Golf Tournament and Scholarship Awards will be held April 7th, 2006 at Tilden Golf Course

Please Contact Mike McCraw at  
(831) 688-5717 for more details

## THE 2006 GCSANC Committee Assignments

*All Committee chairs will be asked to recruit 1 or 2 members-at-large to serve on their committee.*

### SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT

*Co-Chairman:* Jason Green

*Co-Chairman:* John Holmquist

*Member:* Craig Zellers

### BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

*Chairman:* Vince Keats, CGCS

*Member:* Troy Flanagan

### SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

*Chairman:* Jason Green

*Member:* Troy Flanagan

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*Chairman:* Todd Lyijynen

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*Chairman:* Tom Bastis, CGCS

### EDUCATION AND INSTITUTE

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*Member:* Jason Green

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

*Chairman:* Troy Flanagan

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

*Chairman:* Vince Keats, CGCS

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*Member:* Craig Zellers

*Member:* Tom Bastis, CGCS

### CA GCSA DELEGATE

Gill Stiles

### GCSAA CHAPTER DELEGATE

Todd Lyijynen



## Presidents's Message

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As the golf business moves into the 21st century, it will be even more important that we work closely with our allied associations- the PGA, the CMAA, and the CGCOA and other allied associations. This last year we invited the Northern California PGA, Club Managers Association of America, and the Golf Course Owners Association to participate in our Superintendent Institute, and those who participated benefited from the experience. This year our Supt-Pro tournament is posted on the NCPGA event calendar, and we know it will be another successful tournament for us. It's my hope that we will continue to work closely with all allied associations, and in doing so we will promote the value of the golf course superintendent, both at your facility and in the eye of the public.

The golf course superintendents can either get involved and take an active role in the future of golf or... we can sit back, let others take the lead and before we know it, we'll lose the opportunity for input and others will be making the decisions that directly effect us and our careers. A strong and active association can help keep us active participants in the future. But it can't be done without you stepping up and actively participating in the GCSANC as well as with other organizations.

This year we will be conducting a chapter-wide compensation survey (which has not been done since 2000). Please participate in the survey as the information gathered will be beneficial to all of us. In 2006, I would also like to see our Chapter become more strongly aligned with the five other chapters within California under the umbrella of our State Chapter.

As your president you can count on me to be available to you throughout the year. You can also count on the entire board of directors to be accessible to you. If there is anything that we can do to help you at your course or with your career please call on us. We are here to serve you.

In closing, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as president of our association. In addition, I would like to thank Association Manager Barbara Mikel for her tireless efforts on our behalf. I would also like to thank outgoing president Vince Keats for hosting a memorable annual meeting and golf event at his club. Special thanks are also extended to our entire board of directors, past presidents and past board members for all their hard work in years past. Equally as important, I would like to thank our affiliate members for all your support throughout the years. Together we can look forward to a promising future for our association.

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## Alan Andreassen, CGCS Earns Overall ELGA Award

Off the course, Andreassen is strong on what he calls fostering relationships. He has won over some of the project's staunchest antagonists, officials of the Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley, whose facility was a victim of the golf course construction, by helping the group raise funds for rehabilitating rescued animals. The resource group conducts field trips for a nearby elementary school, emphasizing the positive interaction between the course and Mother Nature as well as promoting The First Tee program at Rancho Del Pueblo.

In three short years, Los Lagos has been certified as an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary and has won two ELGA chapter awards. And now, it has won the "whole thing," as Andreassen says while admitting that his sights were set on three chapter prizes in a row.

"It's truly a delightful surprise," he says of the overall ELGA. "It's important to me because it makes me feel good about the things we've done. But, most of all, I know how important it is to the people I work for. That's my driving force in these things. Also, now that I can't win golf awards any more, winning environmental awards is a great replacement."



A good time was had by all at the California Golf Writers Banquet at The Inn at Spanish Bay (Pebble Beach, CA). GCSANC Golf Superintendent of the Year Bob Lopic (seated front row center) was honored at the gala event. Family and friends were on hand for the special occasion.