Dick Rudolph is leaving Foxtail Golf Course to rebuild the golf course at Aetna Springs. Replacing Dick at Foxtail is Rich Lavine, CGCS. Rich has been the Superintendent at Peacock Gap for many years. Jonathon Ivory is leaving Marin Country Club and is moving back east. His replacement will be Kevin Pryseski, CGCS. Kevin was the Superintendent at StoneTree Golf Club down the road in Marin Co. Kevin's replacement has yet to be named...... Alan Andreasen, CGCS is the new Superintendent at Green River Golf Course in Corona. Alan built both Rancho Del Pueblo and Los Lagos Golf Courses in San Jose and has been overseeing them both. Accepting the job to replace Alan is Bill Davis, CGCS. Bill had been the Superintendent at Peninsula G & CC in San Mateo until last year. He has been doing environmental work and consulting since his resignation at Peninsula.... Rodney Muller has been named the new Superintendent at Tilden Park Golf Course in Berkeley. Rodney was the assistant there prior to his promotion. Before Tilden he was the assistant at Monarch Bay GC. Both Tilden Park and Monarch Bay are American Golf Course properties. Rodney is replacing Sean Duffy who resigned and moved on to Central California.............

NCGA's Paul Porter Passes

Paul Porter, CEO of the NCGA and President & CEO of Poppy Holding, Inc., passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday, September 12 after suffering an aneurysm August 15th.

Porter, 56, is survived by his devoted wife Nettie, daughter Lauren, sons Reed and Robert, mother Paula Porter, sister Kate Breuleux and brother Jim Porter.

The Santa Clara University alumnus came to Poppy Hills in 1991 as General Manager after 18 years at Northstar at Tahoe Ski Resort. Over the course of his 15 years of leadership of Poppy Holding Inc., the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am came to Poppy Hills, Poppy Ridge opened in Livermore and both courses developed a reputation for world-class golf at a great value. Awards such as the National Golf Course Owners' Association 2005 Course of the Year (for Poppy Hills) are a direct reflection of the native Californian's guidance.

Porter was appointed CEO of the NCGA in 2004 and immediately embarked upon a plan to improve member services and drive association membership. The strategic plan that he formulated, along with the NCGA Board of Directors, will guide the association through the next five years and will be part of Porter's professional legacy.

Well known among his colleagues as intelligent, hard working and warm, Porter was a respected leader in the industry. Recently named fourth most influential CEO in California golf, he was founding president of the California Golf Course Owners Association and the California Alliance for Golf.

Porter had the unique ability to make those around him better. The greatest testaments to Porter's stewardship will be both the impact he had on the NCGA board and staff and the association's continued success and place amongst the leading golf associations in the world.

Poppy Hills General Manager Tyler Jones has been named interim CEO. Paul was loved by all that knew him and will be greatly missed.