Mike Garvale, CGCS is leaving Palo Alto Hills Golf and Country Club after 22 years as Superintendent. He is being replaced by Andrew Morgan, the assistant superintendent at Pebble Beach Golf Links. The change will take place on May 1......Bill Hansen is the new superintendent at Monarch Bay Golf Links in San Leandro. Bill was the Assistant there prior to his promotion. He is replacing Todd Gillies......Izzy Taguchi has accepted the G.M. Superintendent position at Glen eagles GC at McLaren Park in San Francisco......Wayne Conrad is the new Superintendent at Harding Park GC in San Francisco. Wayne was working at Harding prior to his promotion......Tom Wallick has just completed the driving range/practice area and and two-hole rebuild at Pruneridge GC in Santa Clara......Glenn Matthews recently hosted the Nationwide Tour Event and Wente Vineyards GC in Livermore......

Throughout 2007, Audubon International is inviting golf courses in the United States, Canada, and worldwide to take part in the Audubon Green Golfer Challenge. The challenge is simple: Get as many golfers as possible to pledge to take steps to support environmental stewardship while playing the game. From replacing divots to supporting the golf course’s efforts to provide wildlife habitat and protect water resources, there are simple actions golfers can take which are good for the game, good for the golf course, and good for the environment.

Throughout the year, the pledges from participating golf courses will be collected and counted by Audubon International. Ongoing totals will be posted online. Prizes will be awarded to golf courses with the most golfers signed up by November 15, 2007, with winners in various categories (golf course type, region, etc.) announced at the end of 2007. Finally, golfers who take the pledge will also become eligible for a random drawing of prizes at the end of the year.

Getting golfers to take the Green Golfer Pledge is a simple way for golf course superintendents and staff to help carry on golf’s tradition of preserving the nature of the game. Learn more and take the Audubon Green Golfer Challenge: www.golfandenvironment.org.