

The Hands of Time

The hands of time continue to move forward...and so does our beloved association! Even though there is no need to reinvent the wheel when it comes to GCSANC, there will always be a need to modify, maintain, and make use of newer technologies. Maintaining moving parts and mechanical entities is an important part of any superintendent's operation and our success. This is the same philosophy that the BOD is applying to our association.

I'm sorry to report we lost our longtime Scholarship and Research Tournament sponsor. It is indeed heartbreaking to split ways on this longtime partnership that we as members have enjoyed for so long. The good news is that the tournament will go on, and will now be called the Cliff and Myrtle Wagoner Scholarship and Research Tournament.

We are now investigating a web-hosted newsletter. It would provide a better service to our membership and our affiliates who purchase advertising. It has the capacity to provide direct hyperlinks to advertising companies' websites. We still plan on providing voluntary solicitation for newsletter receipt within the year until all the formalities of web hosted access have been worked out. So don't expect the printed newsletter to disappear just yet.

I just returned from a very exciting GCSAA Championship Tournament and Golf Committee meeting on the Gulf Coast of Alabama. The tournament promises to be fun, plus a valuable networking event for all participants. I emphasize again the word

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GCSANC Association Manager

This has been a great start to summer and the GCSANC program year! You have already had some very exciting meeting venues including San Jose Country Club, Claremont Country Club, Stanford Golf Course, Boulder Ridge Country Club, and the TPC San Francisco at Stonebrae. Educational offerings have been great too. This year's meetings have qualified for continuing education credits or service credits. GCSANC meeting attendance will earn you points in one category or the other.

The Oakland A's Crew Appreciation Day is scheduled for July 30. Thanks to the cooperation of Clay Wood, the Oakland A's and the hard work of Joe Kurung of West Coast Sand & Gravel, you will see ticket prices the same as last time. These seats, from what I am told, are GREAT! So is the food and opportunity to get away for the day. Remember, the BART travels directly to the stadium! The BART connections from North East South and West Bay stations make it an easy method of taking the day to reward your crew for a job well done.

Past President Vince Keats, CGCS and Deer Ridge Golf Club will host the First Annual Clifford and Myrtle Wagoner Scholarship & Research Tournament. Each year, since its inception as an Affiliate/Superintendent Invitational, this tournament has provided monies to fund scholarship and research donations. GCSANC has made consistent and significant contributions from the scholarship and research funds for water quality studies conducted by the UCCE by Dr. Ali Harivandi, Anguina pacificae research under the guidance of Mike McCullough, NCGA and continuing Waitea patch turf disease work of Dr. Frank Wong, U.C. Riverside. There is definitely a need for funding and a commitment to research. The California Alliance for Golf (CAG) and the NCGA have commissioned a \$700,000 research study to investigate one of the beneficial uses for recycled water (degrading personal hygiene and pharmaceutical compounds.) A worthy project like

this certainly needs financial support. Be a part of the solution and support the S & R event, mark your calendar for August 25 at Deer Ridge Country Club.

The Superintendents Institute is scheduled for September 15 – 16, The Course At Wente Vineyards. The education committee is finalizing speakers and topics. Remember, this event has a long history of very successful education offerings. This is an easy and fun way to make sure you're earning continuing education credits toward certification or your GCSAA Class A status.

GCSAA continues to provide resources that are convenient for you! The IPM exam can be taken online to satisfy the GCSAA pesticide competency requirements. Michigan State University Turfgrass Information file is available to "SM" Superintendent members as well as Class A Members. The link is on the GCSAA home page! Kudos to Scott Hollister's U.S. Open Blog! GCSAA again has a wonderful engaging innovative employee!

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Barbara Mikel

I very much enjoyed his blog's coverage, interviews, photos, and streaming media of the U.S. Open at Torrey Pines! If you haven't already visited this feature, give it a click. <http://gcm.typepad.com/gcm/> or you can link to it from the GCM home page (From the desk of GCM) Scott had a great local "superintendent interest story" posted about the U.S. Open at Torrey Pines. Next time you see Cord Ozment, CGCS of Callippe Preserve GC, ask him how he talked his wife Allison into taking on the "extra curricular actives" at Torrey Pines!

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GCSANC Ball Mark Repair Education Program has Presence at Women's Golf Event

sharing information about ball mark repair," stated Cook, "especially since many of the participants are taking up the game for the first time and are interested in learning all they can about the sport".

The *Business Golf for Women Day* included a clinic, guest speakers, followed by lunch and a 9-hole tournament. The day wrapped up with a networking reception. This is the second year the GCSANC has supported Women's Golf Week, which is affiliated with Play Golf America, the industry-wide initiative designed to bring new players to the game and former players back to the sport.

We sadly note the passing of Bob Swain, La Selva Consultants, Inc. Bob was battling cancer for some time. Sandy, Bob's wife, will be continuing business operations for La Selva Consultants, Inc.

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paspalum variety and our experienced installation crews. We've been here before, and have worked with a lot of the builders and contractors already so there aren't too many surprises. There is definitely a need for high quality sod and grassing services in Baja, and we're glad to be able to fill that need," Stafford said.

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fun in the previous sentence, as that is what the committee is really trying to bring back to the events. The golf venues are spectacular and conditions promise to be excellent for the players. Seeing all the thought and effort that gets devoted to these golf events on our behalf by GCSAA staff is amazing. It makes me proud to be a member.

So flip your calendars forward and mark the dates! We too have some really fun events on the horizon, the Cliff and Myrtle Wagoner Scholarship and Research Tournament, the Institute, the Annual Meeting, and the Gulf Shores GCSAA Championship. Somehow the passage of time does not seem near as daunting when viewed with these events in mind.