

OFFICE NOTES



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We have just completed the membership renewal process, albeit somewhat late this year. The tardiness was due to an interesting payment issue involving our new logo. The upside is that the new logo has done a great job of branding us to the GCSAA. The downside was that many payments were sent to Kansas, which were due to the local chapter. This happened to other affiliated chapters as well, so we did delay our deadline.

The usual non-renewal of membership (moving to other courses and companies) has decreased membership but not to any greater extent than in past years. It was encouraging that we did not have more non-renewals related to economic issues.

The new GCSANC web site www.gcsanc.com is in final review by the board of directors. I am anticipating it will be up and running with a new membership listing by the end of July. The directory and member sections will be password protected and open only to GCSANC members. A member profile and membership directory will be available 24/7. You can sort by any field in the membership directory profile. It is currently an online tool but will be developed to a downloadable feature, which you can print or store for your offline use.

Content and use recommendations for the web site are being solicited! Part time web site maintenance will be open for bid proposals. For interested parties, on a professional level, please contact the office for details.

A GCSANC benefit you receive is the GHIN Handicapping system. If you need to establish an index, please call the office. We can do it the same day! Once established you can visit the website: www.ncga.org for updating your scores and mailing information. You will receive emails with special promotions, NCGA membership card, and the monthly magazine only if your information is current.

IN MEMORIAM

MULKH RAJ, CGCS

September 14, 1942–June 1, 2009

42-year member of GCSANC

Las Positas Golf Course Superintendent, Retired

Mulkh Raj, resident of Livermore, was born on September 14, 1942 in Suva, Fiji and passed away peacefully on June 1, 2009 in Castro Valley, CA at the age of 66. Mulkh was born and raised in the Fiji Islands and migrated to the United States in 1962. He worked for the City of Livermore at the Las Positas and Springtown Golf Course as a Certified Golf Course Superintendent for the last 40 years. Mulkh was also one of the founding members of the Shri Guru Ravidass Temple in Pittsburg, CA. Mulkh is survived by his wife Kartar and their three sons as well as four brothers, four sisters, and three grandchildren. Mulkh was a great husband, father and grandfather. He will be greatly missed.

COME JOIN US

2nd Annual Clifford and Myrtle Wagoner Scholarship Research Tournament, August 24 at Contra Costa Country Club.

Set in the shadow of Mt. Diablo, the club is located right in the heart of the Bay Area. The championship 18-hole golf course measures 6,550 yards and is consistently rated one of the top private courses in Northern California. This wonderful course was originally established in 1925 and was renovated in 1992 by Robert Muir Graves. All of the greens were reconstructed with a drought-resistant design. The course is routed through 145 acres and landscaped with mature native oak, eucalyptus and redwood trees. The course gives all players a perfect blend of challenges and dramatic views. Proceeds from the Wagoner Scholarship & Research Tournament benefit Northern California Turfgrass students and research projects undertaken by the association.

NEW MEMBERS

AUSTIN DANIELLS

Monterey Pines Golf Course
Superintendent Member

HAROLD SMITH

San Ramon Golf Club
Assistant Superintendent

CONGRATULATIONS

to Terry Grasso, CGCS on his recent
GCSAA Recertification.

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