

## OFFICE NOTES



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*March/April 2009*

I am looking forward to the coming year.

We have an exciting new *Thru the Green* and will shortly inaugurate a new web site with "24/7" access to membership directory, meeting registration, membership information update.

We will be building an Archive/Historical section to include years of photos and *Thru the Green* newsletter articles. Thanks to the generosity of **Pete Cookingham** at the Turfgrass Information Center, Michigan State University Libraries and the volunteer efforts of **Jason Oliver**, Assistant Superintendent of Stanford University Golf Course, we will be digitizing and cataloging issues of *Thru the Green* back to 1932. A task I have long wanted to accomplish, GCSANC's rich history will be available to each member. Until now, the technology and resources to accomplish this task had not been affordably available.

The GCSANC has developed three Public Service Announcements distributed via KNBR's "Hooked on Golf" and ESPN. With the financial support of GCSAA, the expertise of Emmy Moore-Minister, and the input from the Public Relations Committee (Brian Netzt, CGCS, Vince Keats, CGCS Jeff Shafer, Joe Kurung), these spots air every Saturday on radio 680 AM or on the internet at <http://www.hookedongolf.com/show/radio.html>

There are MANY unknowns for courses, superintendents, and the industry right now. This will undoubtedly make this year one of the more challenging and stressful ones in a long time. Add to that the drought declarations, taxes, decreases in play, shrinking budgets, and staff reductions, and you might ask yourself, why even look forward to the coming year? I am confident in the make-up of the superintendent and believe you will rise to the challenge.

No one person in the golf management structure can address so many wide ranging issues as can the course superintendent. I am reminded of a conversation with Pat Finlen, CGCS, way back when he was serving as GCSANC Secretary Treasurer. Pat came up to my office to review the financial records and association accounts. I was saying that it seemed like my list of things to do just keeps getting longer and longer. He laughed and said, "You're like a superintendent, you get the job because they know you will get it done!" Well people, you can bet you will certainly be getting jobs tossed your way with fewer resources to work with, but you will get the job done!

Be sure to plan on attending the two new professional golf events coming to Northern California this year. The **TPC SF Bay at Stonebrae** will be hosting a **Nationwide PGA Tour event March 30-April 5** and the **President's Cup** will be held **October 5-12** in San Francisco at Harding Park Golf Course.

Both tournaments will be exciting opportunities to participate in course maintenance for the events. Host superintendent, **Dave Davies**, CGCS has requested help for the PGA event March 30-April 5. Affiliate and superintendent members are encouraged to give him a call if you can help with this tournament. Check this issue for contact information for the March 30-April 5 event.

**Mike Garvale**, CGCS will be enlisting affiliate and superintendent support for the **October 5-12 Harding Park President's Cup** as well. We will have an association presence at the maintenance facility at Harding Park to help in whatever way we can. Look for more details for participation in the near future.

Congratulations to **Patrick Karnick**, Wadsworth Golf Construction Company Inc, long time GCSANC member, recently elected to the Golf Course Builders of America Association as a director.



## NORCALENDAR

**MARCH 16**

**NCGA/USGA Green Section**

*Sharon Heights Country Club*

*Kevin Iverson, Host Superintendent*



### STONEBRAE CLASSIC

**TPC San Francisco Bay at Stonebrae will be hosting the Nationwide Tour March 30-April 5, 2009.**

*We are seeking volunteers for morning or afternoon shifts to assist the maintenance crew with set up and mowing activities. Please contact Dave Davies, CGCS at (510) 690-9436 if you are interested. Come see the brightest young stars in golf compete during the Nationwide Tour's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*

**APRIL 14**

**Stonebrae Field Day**

**MAY 18**

**Superintendent/Pro Davey-Nor Cal Cup Event**

*Orinda Country Club*

*Maximum of 98 players*

*Bob Lopic, Host Superintendent*

**JUNE 15**

**Davey-Nor Cal Cup Event**

*Cinnabar Hills Golf Course*

*Brian Boyer, Host Superintendent*

**JULY 22**

**Crew Appreciation Day**

*Oakland Coliseum: A's vs. Minnesota Twins*

*Clay Wood, Host Superintendent*

**AUGUST**

**Wagoner Scholarship and Research Tournament**

**Davey-Nor Cal Cup Event**

**SEPTEMBER 20-22**

**Assistant Superintendents Bootcamp**

**OCTOBER**

**Superintendents Institute**

**Davey-Nor Cal Cup Event**

**NOVEMBER 1-3**

**California GCSA Annual Meeting**

*Cal Poly San Luis Obispo*

*Terry Vasey*

**DECEMBER**

**Holiday Gatherings**

**JANUARY 2010**

**Election Meeting**

*Spring Valley Golf Course*

*Chris Mains, Host Superintendent*