

# NO STONE LEFT UNTURNED AT STONEBRAE FIELD DAY

On the tail of a Nationwide Tour event at **TPC San Francisco Bay at Stonebrae**, members of the **Northern California Chapter of the GCSAA** gathered recently at the David McLay Kidd-designed course for the **2009 Superintendents Field Day**. Some attendees also took the opportunity to tee it up on the links-style track tagged by *Travel+Leisure Golf* magazine as one of the best new courses in 2007.

This year's field day, entitled Environmental Issues at Stonebrae, provided an in-depth look at a championship golf course, one that's recognized for its strategic design, natural open space and spectacular views of the San Francisco Bay Area.

The course features 66 acres of maintained turf within a 212-acre naturalized environment. Within the native areas are eight acres of improved, protected wetlands and 67 acres of reconstructed, re-vegetated native grasslands. In addition, long-term monitoring programs have been established for wetland development, invasive weed management, and habitat restoration.

Stonebrae was an ideal setting for course superintendents and industry experts to convene and collaborate. In addition to a fascinating tour of the site, the field day included presentations on construction and long-term management planning, water management and filtration, species management, and habitat restoration with focus on the Stonebrae Audubon Certification process. Presenters included **Steve Miller**, executive director of Stonebrae, LP, **Malcom Sproul**, managing principal with LSA Associates, **Karen Swaim**, founder and principal of Swaim Biological Incorporated, **Ali Harivandi, Ph.D.**, with the University of



GCSANC Members gather together for a photo at TPC San Francisco Bay at Stonebrae, site of the 2009 Educational Field Day.

California Cooperative Extension, and Host Superintendent **Dave Davies**, CGCS, at TPC San Francisco Bay at Stonebrae.

This innovative educational event exists through the collaboration of the Northern California Chapter of the GCSAA and the Univer-

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(L to R) Speakers for the 2009 Field Day include: **Malcom Sproul**, managing principal with LSA Associates, **Karen Swaim**, founder and principal of Swaim Biological Incorporated, Host Golf Course Superintendent **Dave Davies**, CGCS, at TPC San Francisco Bay at Stonebrae, and **Ali Harivandi**, Ph.D., with the University of California Cooperative Extension. Included on the impressive list of presenters (but missing from the photo) was **Steve Miller**, executive director of Stonebrae, LP.

sity of California Cooperative Extension. The 2009 planning committee included: **Co-Chairman Ali Harivandi, Ph.D.** (U.C. Cooperative Extension), **Co-Chairman Mike Souza** (Richmond CC), and **committee members Steve Agin** (Ruby Hill GC), **Thomas Bastis, CGCS** (California GC), **Gary Carls, CGCS** (Sunnyvale GC), **Dean Cravalho** (Round Hill CC), **Greg Dunn** (West Coast Turf), **Greg Fernald** (Target Specialty Products), **Gary Ingram, CGCS** Metropolitan GL, **Chris Mains** (Spring Valley GC), **Rodney Muller** (Tilden Park GC), and **Ryan Zuehlsdorf** (Roddy Ranch GC).

“Thanks to the efforts of our education planning committee and host facility we were able to create a field day experience that was environmentally explorative and informative” stated Co-Chairman Ali Harivandi, Ph.D. “It isn’t often you’re able to study a golf course setting that’s had the ecological and environmental considerations like that of Stonebrae.”

Special thanks are extended to Host Superintendent **Dave Davies, CGCS**, and the entire team at TPC San Francisco Bay at Stonebrae for opening their course and clubhouse to GCSANC members for what proved to be, a spectacular field day.

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- Class C     **Christopher Bennett**  
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Members **Terry Grasso**, CGCS (Sequoyah CC) and **Vince Keats**, CGCS, Shadow Lakes/Deer Ridge GCs) enjoy the Field Day experience at Stonebrae.



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