

ELECTIONS—CANDIDATE STATEMENTS



POSITION: DIRECTOR
Brian E. Boyer

To the Members of the GCSANC:

I was recently made aware of an opening for a director position and I would like to submit my name for candidacy.

While I am a transplant by way of Michigan, I have been a member of the association since 2001 where I started as the assistant superintendent at San Francisco Golf Club. After four and a half years at SF Club, I was chosen to be the superintendent at Cinnabar Hills Golf Club and I am fortunate to find myself in the same position currently.

My interest in the board sprang up two years ago when Cinnabar Hills Golf Club and I hosted the research and scholarship tournament. It filled me with a great sense of pride to have my fellow peers attend the event. It also made me feel somewhat chagrined, as my attendance to similar association events over the years was limited. I have made it a goal this past year to attend as many events as possible and I would like to increase my involvement with the association by serving as a director on the board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Brian E. Boyer



POSITION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
David Procter

I am writing to you with excitement about the opportunity to serve our Chapter in the role of Assistant Superintendent Director. I am currently the Assistant Superintendent at Ruby Hill Golf Club in Pleasanton.

Having worked in Northern California for the past three years I now feel it is time to contribute to our profession at the local level. As an effective communicator with a passion and enthusiasm for this great industry, I feel I have the required skill set to fulfill this role. If elected I will be dedicated to serving our members at all levels. My main goal would be to bring the thoughts, ideas, and opinions of Assistant Superintendents to the attention of the Association in order to foster new ideas and provide the necessary services, support and education to promote growth within our field. I am a positive individual, always open to new ideas and suggestions. I have a passion for learning with a strong focus on both personal and professional development.

With the 80th birthday of our Northern California Association and The U.S. Open at The Olympic Club coming up this summer, there is no better place to be in 2012 than right here in Northern California. I thank you all for considering me for this position and look forward to the opportunity of working with you in the future.

Happy Holidays,
David Procter



POSITION: AFFILIATE DIRECTOR
Jim Sherman

Jim was born in Los Altos, California and graduated from the University of Arizona in 1987 with a degree in business.

He has worked at Turf and Industrial Equipment Company since 1979 [31 years?!], starting part time in the engine rebuild department, then the parts department where he went on to become the Parts Department Manager in the late 1980s.

In 1990 Jim began his sales career at Turf and Industrial; and became one of the owners of the company along with his Father. Jim and his Dad sold the company in 2007 to new ownership and Jim now serves as Vice President of Sales for the corporation.

Turf and Industrial Equipment represents John Deere Co., Club Car, TurfCo top dressers, Redexim Charterhouse Verti-Drain products, STIHL, Gearmore, Cushman, Landpride and many others.

Jim enjoys calling on golf courses because "They are the nicest people you could ever meet. Superintendents are not only easy going but also easy to find—they are always working somewhere on the course." Golf courses tend to replace equipment consistently and take care of the equipment they have. "A golf course is one of the only rental customers I have that consistently returns the equipment back in virtually the same condition as they receive it."

Jim is proud to be able to serve bay area golf courses with quality equipment and specialized hard to find rentals. Regarding his CGSANC board position, "I want to give back to the association and the superintendents that have done so much for me during my career," Jim said. "I have developed significant friendships over the years and want to bring my expertise and experience to wherever I can best serve the golf industry."



POSITION: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Jim Abate

Agronomy Consultant, PGA TOUR

I thank you for your consideration for the GCSANC Board of Directors. It has been a pleasure to be in the Northern California area for the past two years. As a new arrival I was greeted with professionalism, openness, and great camaraderie. 2012 will be my 14th year in the industry. My professional experience has been at high end resort type course, TPC Sawgrass, and now that of a municipal course, TPC Harding Park. The wide array of knowledge gained at both properties has given me a well rounded view of our business.

The role of a golf course superintendent has evolved over the last 80 years of the GCSANC. I would consider it an honor to be part of the leadership group that guides our organization into the future. Education, communication and professionalism are the tenets that I most value. My current position allows me to have the time and energy to successfully meet the demands of a Director position.

Respectfully,
Jim Abate

THE FIRST MODERN COURSE IN THE BAY AREA

By Sean Tully, Meadow Club

I am often asked about the early history of golf in the Bay area and what are some of my favorite courses for one reason or another. I am drawn to the early courses that formed near the end of the late 1890s. Burlingame, San Francisco Golf Club, Oakland Golf Club (Claremont CC) and San Rafael Golf Club were the big four courses into the early part of the 1900s. Burlingame is the only course of those four that has stayed in its original location. As more people took up the game and improvements to clubs and balls led most courses to lengthen their courses or look for more property to start over again.

Golf courses up to this time were mostly laid out by a Golf Professional—they could layout a course in the better part of a day. Most of these courses were built on flat land and incorporated a bunker style that seems more similar to equestrian jumps than the bunkers that we are familiar with. In the Bay area courses like Sequoyah Country Club 1913 and San Francisco Golf Club 1918 would open up their courses

only to see the need to make a number of changes to the course.

In 1920, Robert Hunter the noted author, Socialist, and Lecturer at UC-Berkeley started what would become Berkeley Country Club. He would go over the property a number of times with the likes of John Black, Sam Whiting, and William Watson. Hunter drew up plans and even made plasticine models for each green as he launched himself into designing a first rate golf course. Hunter had soil tests done and studied the property from every angle and brought in William Watson a noted golf architect to inspect his work and make some changes. His efforts at Berkeley Country Club would be the formation of his ideas that would later get published in the highly respected book, “The Links” and lead to his partnership with Alister MacKenzie.

Berkeley Country Club would play a big factor in another way as it helped to introduced Sam Whiting to Olympic Club. It would be Robert Hunter who had Whiting come to BCC after he had a lesson with him some years prior in the UK. It was a big deal as the locals felt that

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POSITION: VICE PRESIDENT
Jon Christenson

My name is Jon Christenson, Superintendent at Monarch Bay Golf Club. I have enjoyed my current tenure as a director on the Board, as well as my service to the Education Committee. I would like to continue to serve the profession that has given so much to me by running for the office of Vice President.

As a past chapter President, I have seen the importance of having strong leadership and organizational skills and how these skills help guide an Association down a successful path. Service for nine years on various GCSAA committees and as a Chapter Delegate has given me the necessary guidance to evaluate how a chapter can serve its members and their needs. I have been a Golf Course Superintendent for 17 years and have 5 years experience as a General Manager/Superintendent, which has given me valuable insight into the issues Superintendents face on a daily basis.

I take great pride in serving, and in giving back to the profession that has given so much to me. My service has and always will be met with professionalism and dedication. I would appreciate the opportunity to serve the GCSANC as Vice President.



POSITION: DIRECTOR
Stacy L. Wallace

Golf Course Superintendent
StoneTree Golf Club

After 25 years in the turf industry, I feel it is my time to give back to the organizations that have helped my career along the way. If elected, it would be a great honor to serve and help as so many have done for me over the years.

My career started out back in 1986 working for my brother on the local municipal golf course. After college, the profession took me to the Chicago area until I landed in beautiful Sonoma County back in 2005. Since the fall of 2006, I have been the Golf Course Superintendent at StoneTree Golf Club in Novato, CA. As everyone knows, our industry has been challenged in recent years and it is important that we change with the times to help our facilities achieve their goals in today's market. If elected, I will strive along with all the directors to provide avenues to help us all achieve our goals.



POSITION: SECRETARY TREASURER
Tim Powers

I am running for the position of secretary/treasurer because I think we have made some improvements to increase the value of our membership and we want to continue doing that. We are planning our events well in advance so people can make plans to attend and offering educational opportunities to help us do our jobs better. Meetings are a great place to build our network.



POSITION: PRESIDENT
Rodney Muller

For the past three years, I have served as a Board of Director and Vice President for the GCSANC. I would like to continue my leadership roll as President in 2012. I have served on the Education Committee and co-chaired the Committee for two years. I believe we are in one of the most difficult times of our careers and I will continue to add value to our association through education, web-site enhancement and fund-raising.