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PRESIDENTS

The past year for me has been a busy and fulfilling experience. As I head for my last month as President of our Association, I just want to say that it has been an honor to serve our membership and I appreciate all the support I have received.

We have initiated some changes during the past year, starting with the vote on the dues increase and the bylaw revisions. These two items have contributed to putting our association not only in a more solvent position, but more perceptive to our members needs. The latter is very important because our members are our biggest asset.

Other programs initiated previously are still viable and continue on. These would include, The Referral Service provided to our members at no charge. If you are having problems at your course you can contact our office and arrangements will be made for consultation or a visit by either one or two of your peers.

The Annual Golf Course Superintendents Institute was a great success at Mountain Springs Golf Course and planning is in progress for the next institute to be held November 6,7,8 at the Doubletree Hotel in Santa Rosa with golf at Fountain Grove Golf Course. Jean LaDuc and Dr. Ali Harivandi are co-chairman for the annual institute and deserve a great deal of credit for its success. Dr. Harivandi has again agreed to serve as Educational advisor to our group. His expertise is well appreciated and I would like to publicly thank him.

Peter Galea, CGCS, Membership Chairman conducted study sessions for members wishing to upgrade their classification as well as handling the growing number of membership applications.

Cliff Rourke from Riverside Golf Course again volunteered his time and knowledge to participate in the annual job fair held at U.C. Davis where he talked to students about turf management and our association. Thanks, Cliff.

MESSAGE

The Superintendent/Pro Tournament held at Palo Alto Hills Country Club and hosted by Mike Garvale, CGCS was again a popular event, even if it did rain. Can you do it again Mike? Make it rain, not the tournament.

Steve Good, Tournament Chairman can be blamed for setting most tournaments for our meetings. His biggest claim to fame and well deserved was the annual Christmas Party at Rancho Canada. It was great. He was ably assisted by Brian Bagley, who is in charge of this event for 1991. You guys did a great job.

The GCSANC also continues to support Scholarship Programs at Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill, Foothill/DeAnza in Los Altos Hills and Solano Community College in Suisun. I have been administering this program since its inception.

Rodney Kilcoyne, Program Chairman and Secretary Treasurer has done very well in both positions. He has not only been able to schedule our meetings at diverse locations, but has come up with meaningful programs.

This past year was also the time we bid farewell to Myrtle Wagoner, who has been so important to our group. I know that I am grateful for all the help and support I received from both Myrtle and Cliff. So, thank you both and good luck on all your trips.

Barbara Mikel was hired to fill the Executive Secretary position and can be found at the San Jose Office. The Association phone number is 408-865-0360.

I would also like to recognize our affiliate members who have been so supportive all year. Their generosity and support for many of our special events have contributed to the success of these ventures and you deserve a big thank you. Amongst these supporters are Thomas Jackson and Don Naumann who served on the Board of Directors in an advisory capacity.

OUR HOST AND HIS COURSE FOR APRIL

Finally, I would like to mention my appreciation to the members who served on the various committees and let them know their involvement was for the good of the Association. They should serve as an example to the rest of our membership. Get involved, run for office, get on a committee, just do something.

Finally, again, your Board of Directors this past year deserves a lot of credit for being a diligent, conscientious and very active board. It takes a lot of extra hours to run a growing organization like ours and they were always there to serve and get the job done. So, thank you, for making my year as President a memorable one that I will always look back upon with fond memories.

Joseph A. Rodriguez, CGCS

Joseph Rodriguez, CGCS, started his Horticultural career in Antioch, California in 1959.

In 1969, he went to work for Contra Costa County in the Landscape Division. He progressed to the Chief Gardener position, where he was in charge of all landscaped and turf areas within the County's jurisdiction.

While with Contra Costa County, Joe graduated from Diablo Valley College with a degree in Ornamental Horticulture. He also attended Los Medanos College for two years, and possesses a state Contractor's License for landscaping.

In 1986, Joe graduated from Saint Mary's College with a Bachelor's Degree in management.

He has been the Superintendent at the Rossmoor Golf Courses since 1978.

Rossmoor is a planned adult community that was first opened in 1964. Presently there is a population of approximately 8,500 residents, whose age averages 75.5 years. The community has many advantages. Among them is a medical clinic and the Rossmoor security force.

The maintenance and management of the Rossmoor community is administered by the Golden Rain Foundation.

The Rossmoor Golf Course consist of the 18 hole South Course and the 9 hole North Course, and are private courses.

In 1975, a new 9 holes was designed by Robert Muir Graves, and put into play. The new 9 was worked into the old 9 for 18 holes. So, we have a combination of new and old on the South, and the North is the original front nine.

The South Course is rated at 67 from the white tees, and the course lenth is 5,798 yards. The cart paths extend from tee to green, and carts are restricted to the paths. There is also no rough. This is to facilitate play because of the age factor. We mow approximately 175 acres of fairway twice weekly.

In the past two years, we have averaged 98,000 rounds of play per year.

The Golf Pro at Rossmoor is Norm Oliver, with whom we have a very cooperative working relationship.



JOSEPH A. RODRIGUEZ, CGCS

LOOK AHEAD

March 28

Joint Meeting with USGA, NCGA
Castlewood CC

April 8

GCSANC Annual Meeting, Rossmoor

May 2

Oakhurst CC, Clayton

June 21

Sonoma National

July 15

Supt./Pro Tournament, San Francisco
Golf Club

August 22

Oakland A's Baseball Game, Oakland
Coliseum

September 19

Richmond CC

October 10

Bodega Harbour GC

NAUMANN'S NORCAL NEWS

Bob Cox has left Pittsburg G& CC to become the Supt. at Canyon Lakes CC in San Ramon. Replacing him at Pittsburg G& CC is **Ed Watson** (former Supt. at Boundary Oak GC in Walnut Creek). Pittsburg G & CC is now being run by the City of Pittsburg, who is taking over from the leasee....**Ed Thiele** is the new Supt. at Sky Valley CC in Vallejo. Sky Valley is a new development designed by Arnold Palmer Designs and being installed by Golf Course Consultants....**Joe Blaker** is the new Supt. at Tahoe Donner GC in Truckee.

PRESIDENT



Michael Garvale, CGCS

Palo Alto Hills CC

Having been involved in the Association for three years, I've been able to watch it grow and prosper, not only in numbers but the quality of its leadership. I've had the pleasure of working with Board Members who've brought a true sense of commitment and professionalism to their task.

This years slate of candidates is no exception. As President I look forward to the opportunity to lead this Board into the 90's, continuing the tradition of our predecessors of establishing the GSCANC as a leading force in the state of California.

VICE PRESIDENT



Steve Good

Napa Golf Course

Since April 1984, Superintendent, Napa Golf Course. Started working in the golf industry in 1971 operating, managing and owning Pro Shops, Driving Ranges and Golf Courses.

It is an honor to be selected by the nominating committee for vice president of the G.C. S. A. of Northern California. Having served the Association the past two years as a director, I have witnessed a tremendous growth in our organization and in the golf industry. I want the growth to continue on this successful road and I accept the challenge to keep the organization heading in a positive direction.

With environmental issues, water shortages and usage problems confronting golf course superintendents, I feel that it is very important to maintain a strong organization to take on these concerns and establish a sound and responsible relationship with not only the golfing community, but also the non-golfers and anti-golfers.

Thank you for the opportunity to continue making the G.C.S.A. of Northern California a professional and respected organization.

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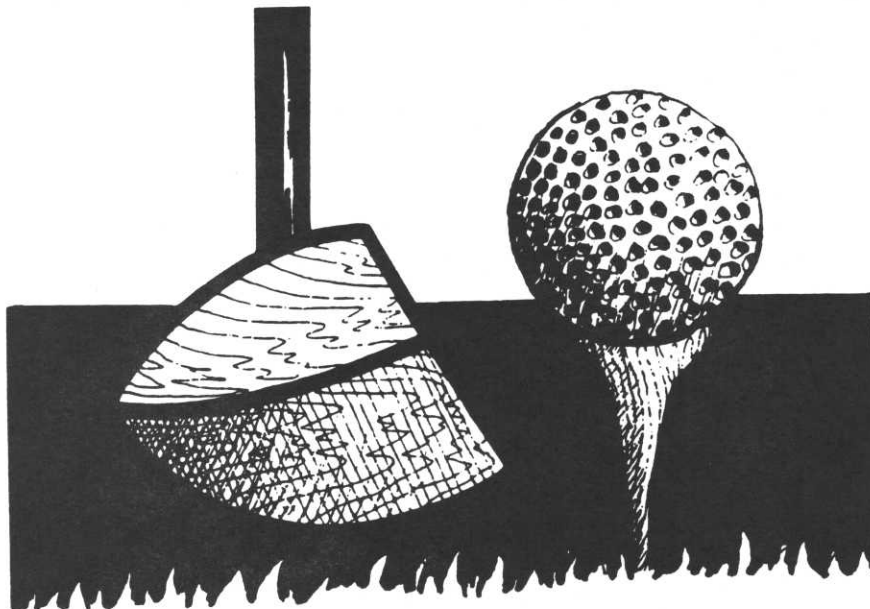
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CGCSA 1991 ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

Sunday, May 12

- 7:00 - 7:45 a.m. **REGISTRATION** — for Conference and Tournament (Monday)
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
- 7:45 - 8:00 a.m. **OPENING REMARKS** — D.J. Pakkala, President, CGCSA
- 8:00 - 8:45 a.m. **California State Water Resource Representative**
- 8:45 - 9:35 a.m. **POTENTIALS USING EFFLUENT WATER FOR G.C. IRRIGATION** — Dr. Ali Harivandi,
Turf Grass, Soils & Water Advisor for San Francisco Bay Region
University of California, Cooperative Extension,
- 9:35 - 9:50 a.m. **BREAK**
- 9:50 - 10:35 a.m. **DROUGHT TOLERANCE GRASSES OF THE 1990's**
Dr. James Beard, Professor, Texas A&M
- 10:35 - 10:45 a.m. **COLLEGE OF THE DESERT TURF PROGRAM** — Mel Robey, Director
- 10:45 - 11:30 a.m. **TURFGRASS TRENDS FOR THE YEAR 2000** — Dr. James Beard, Professor, Texas A&M
- 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. **LUNCH AND ANNUAL MEETING**
- 1:00 - 1:45 p.m. **UPDATE BY DR. VIC GIBEAULT** — Environmental Horticulturist, University of California,
Riverside, Cooperative Extension
- 1:45 - 2:30 p.m. **ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH PROGRAM** — Dr. Mike Kenna,
USGA - Director Green Section Research
- 2:30 - 2:40 p.m. **BREAK**
- 2:40 - 4:00 p.m. **SOLVING PROBLEMS WITH TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY** — (Panel Discussion)
Paul Vermulen-USGA Agronomist, Dr. James Beard-Professor Texas A&M,
Mike Huck-Mission Viejo C.C., Carl Rygg-Squaw Valley C.C., John Fleming-The Olympic G.C.
- 4:00 p.m. **ADJOURNMENT**
- 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. **NO HOST COCKTAILS**
- 6:30 p.m. **DINNER — BARBEQUE DINNER BY THE LAKE**
Marriott Desert Springs

Monday, May 13

- 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
- 8:00 a.m. **SHOTGUN GOLF TOURNAMENT** — Marriott Desert Springs
Limited to first 144 players (Ladies invited to participate)
- 12:00 p.m. **LUNCH** — On your own

Awards Ceremony immediately following the completion of the tournament. Gross and Quota Point winners will be crowned State Champions. Winners will also have entry fees paid to National GCSAA Tournament (1992) next year in Florida. (Superintendents and Affiliates are eligible)

Handicaps 0 - 7 — Championship Flight - Gross Division

Handicaps 8 - 36 — Quota Point System

Proof of Handicap must accompany registration. A chapter team competition will be held this year.

Only one team per chapter is eligible. Chapter teams will consist of 6 players with 5 of the six scores used to determine winning chapter team. **Team must be entered at registration.**

VICE PRESIDENT**Peter J. Galea, CGCS**

Crystal Springs Golf Course

I am honored to be considered by the nomination committee to run for the position of vice president of the GCSANC. I have served on the board as a director and the membership chairman for the past two years. This has been a period of change and I am confident that the direction taken will benefit the entire membership. As the Association grows and moves forward, I am committed to ensure that we don't lose sight of the objectives of the founders. That is to unite the membership for the collection and sharing of scientific and practical knowledge and to promote efficient and economical golf course management. This principle and the efforts of previous board has made the GCSANC one of the most highly respected chapters in the nation. It is indeed an honor and a privilege to serve this association. If you are eligible to vote, please do. Voting is the way that you can shape **YOUR** organization.

Scholarship Update

March 1991

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California has again instituted a Scholarship Program for students in the Turf and Horticultural field. This is the third year for this program and the scholarships will provide the students, who have an interest in this field, assistance to further their education. These scholarships will also create an awareness within the community of our Association and build for the future of the industry.

Last school year the Association awarded scholarships to deserving students from Diablo Valley College, Pleasant Hill; Foothill College, Los Altos Hills and Solano Community College in Suisun. Again this year viable scholarships are available to students with Horticulture Majors.

The Scholarship Fund is partially supported by a portion of the fee paid for golf at our monthly meetings and by contributions from some of our members who support this type of effort. It is this kind of generosity and willingness to be supportive of the Association that will enable us to promote the turf industry and achieve the degree of professionalism we desire.

SECRETARY/TREASURER**Rodney Kilcoyne**

Diablo Creek Golf Course

**Brian Bagley**

The Villages Golf and Country Club

BOARD OF DIRECTORS**David Sexton, CGCS**

Meadow Golf Course

My name is David Sexton and I am the Superintendent for the Meadow Club Golf Course in Fairfax. I have been at the Meadow Club for almost ten years and before that I was at the Ojai Valley Inn for four years.

I started in golf course maintenance at the Paso Robles Golf & Country Club while I was a student at Cal poly at San Luis Obispo. I received a B. S. degree in Ornamental Horticulture from Cal Poly in 1976. I became a Certified Golf Course Superintendent in 1983.

I believe the purpose of our association is to serve the members and what has become one of the most important of these services is to help prepare our members for the challenges of our profession in the 1990's and beyond.

I would very much like to commit my time and energy to helping our association meet those challenges and I would enjoy having the opportunity to serve you.

Brian Morris, CGCS

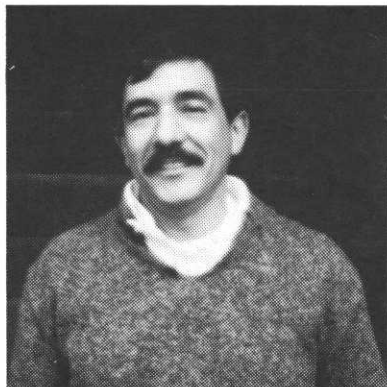
Silverado Country Club & Resort

After graduating from Cal Poly, Pomona in 1978 with a B.S. in Park Administration I was the Assistant Superintendent at Calabasas Golf & CC.

In March 1979 I became Superintendent at Candlewood CC in Whittier. I then made the move to Silverado CC & Resort in May 1980 as the Assistant Superintendent. With the retirement of Randy Mulkey I was promoted to Superintendent November 1980. I became a Certified Superintendent in 1984.

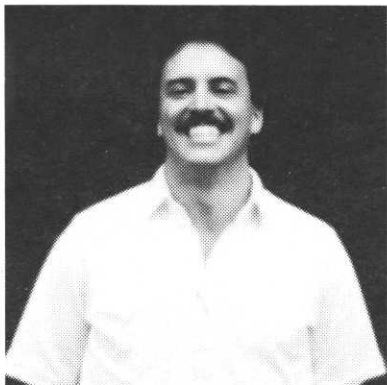
**Leon Snethen**

Saratoga Country Club

BOARD OF DIRECTORS**Roger Martinez**

Salinas Fairways GC

My goals are to work together with the members to make our organization strong, etc. and well informed on golf related subjects, that would help us do our job easier and better.

**Mike Basile**

Almaden Golf and Country Club

I was born and raised in Lynbrook, New York. I studied Turfgrass Management at S.U.N.Y. at Farmingdale also in New York. I moved to San Luis Obispo, CA. in 1979, where I was fortunate enough to run into and work for a man called Al Glaze. Mr. Glaze said to be a good superintendent you have to be willing to give to the association what you expect back from the association. I get a good feeling at the monthly meetings with all of its members talking with everyone about different things to do with golf courses. The suppliers help a great deal with their traveling knowledge. I think that every Superintendent should get more involved with the running of the association. There is a good feeling in returning a little time and effort to the association that I feel I get a lot from.

While superintendent at golf courses in Central California, I was President of the Central Chapter, and Vice President of the State Association. Since arriving in Northern California in 1987 I have been superintendent here at Almaden CC.

I would like to serve on the Board of Directors of the Northern California Chapter to learn more about the Association and the way fellow Superintendents in this region feel about different issues. I would like to become more involved with the Northern Chapter. I feel that through my experience with other associations that I could offer a different opinion on issues.

I am not the kind of person to get in and run everything my way. I will offer my opinion, call people to see how they feel, and hope that the board will do what is best for the membership. I can say that I do ask for people to help, so if I am elected you can plan on hearing from me to help out.