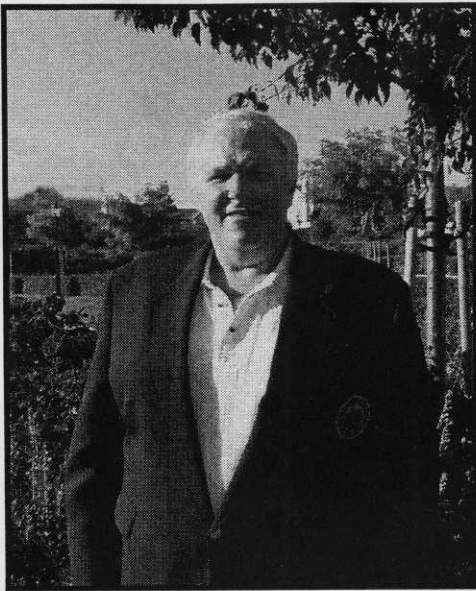


President's Message *By Gary Carls, CGCS*



Superintendent members of our chapter. Should we try and provide additional educational events even if attendance is limited? If you have any opinions, please get them to a board member so we can have your input.

There will be an increased focus in the next six months on the PDI initiative. We are already planning to do an extensive presentation / panel discus-

sion at our meeting September 18th at Bayonet / Blackhorse in the Monterey area. This will be your chance to ask questions and get some answers. We are also going to make an extensive effort through the newsletter to offer some scenarios and frequently asked questions to clarify some misconceptions many people have. Bob Costa, CGCS will be representing GCSANC as our delegate in Lawrence in September (8-10) and please forward any concerns you have to him before that important meeting. If everything goes as planned, you will have received a copy of the PDI proposal in the mail shortly after August 1. Read it carefully and bring your questions to the September meeting. Ray Davies CGCS and a member of the MSRG will be participating in this meeting and I know Ray will gladly answer any questions you may have if you want to call him in the interim.

The GCSANC will be sending a letter to the USGA regarding the ticket policy change for the U.S. Open. I know there were many of us disappointed when we lost the spouse privilege and

we will be sending them suggestions on what we believe may be alternative policies that would be fair and equitable for all.

Congratulations go out to Greg Jetter, CGCS at Spring Valley G.C. in Milpitas on becoming the latest member of GCSANC to obtain Certified Golf Course Superintendent status from GCSAA. Good work, Greg.

I have a few quick comments on our July meeting at Oakmont. It was great to see such a large turnout for an educational program in the North Bay. I realize we probably do a disservice to this area when it comes to scheduling meetings. To Mike Clark, CGCS, thanks for the great deal you secured for us. I hope we provided the

type of educational program you were hoping for. It was also nice to see a man who has done so much for this association over the years honored by his club for all those years of dedicated service. What was that again, you're going on a fishing vacation in a river you think? Hope you had a great time, you deserve it. I know everyone enjoyed the day and it was nice to see some of the folks we haven't seen for a while like Howard Fisher. Played golf behind Mike and Howard and I hope I can hit it like that at any point in my career. By the way Howard, I still owe you a drink.

Hope everyone continues to have a good summer and take some time to just enjoy your family and life. Until next month...Gary

Office Notes *By Barbara Mikel*

I have received a number of calls for our directory. It is at the printers! I guess full employment has caught up with all of us. The printer is estimating a 15-day printing schedule. The process was slow this year. I really wanted to get it out early. Membership renewals were slow and information necessary for the directory wasn't finalized until late April.

With the implementation of GCSANC Annual Meeting in January this year, my business work schedule had to be revamped. Well July is still along way from April but along the way I upgraded computer systems, installed, debugged Y2K compliant software and undertook an "interim" Association Manger assignment for the California Golf Course Superintendents Association. I had the opportunity to participate with other chapter managers in a

refreshing cooperative effort to put together the California Hospitality Suite in New Orleans, 2000 and the May CGCSA Annual Meeting. For the first time in the history of the California Golf Course Superintendents Association, local chapter managers were invited as a formal part of the May California Club Car Golf Championship and CGCSA Annual Meeting. I know the new CGCSA association manger will continue and expand this cooperation.

In the mean time, GCSANC meeting notices have been and will continue to be revamped. As more and more clubs are migrating to "credit card" expense accounting, we have decided to accommodate those requests. Simply use the "fill in the blank" credit card processing form that can be mailed,

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faxed or emailed to the office. In the future, many of our operations will be handled "online" including meeting reservations, membership renewal and new member applications, job postcards etc.

If you haven't received your Superintendent/Pro Gift Certificate or you would like to check on the payout for your Pro, please give me a call.

If you got a "black & white" newsletter last month - don't fret! We didn't order our bulk supply of outer "color shells" due to a change in the artwork and layout of the newsletter. Look for color newsletters with the September issue.

In case you are in the "need a raise boss" mode, check out this link at http://www.gcsaa.org/user-cgisalary_2000_super.cgi This GCSAA salary survey could be of help when it is time for "Negotiations".

Along the same lines, GCSANC is preparing a salary and budget survey of local superintendents. The office gets numerous requests for this information. We hope you will participate fully to enable us to keep it current!

Next Board of Directors Meeting
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Golf Results From Oakmont

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 2nd Steve Woodruff 74
 3rd Mark Quintel 76
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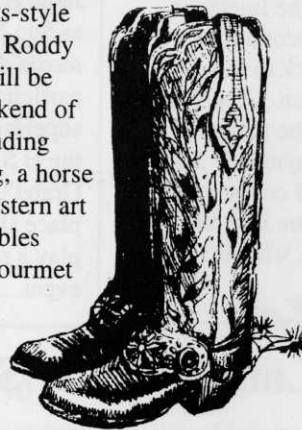
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The Cal Poly All-Around Champions' Weekend

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo will be hosting a Golf Tournament and Rodeo September 9-10, 2000 in Brentwood. The event offers participants the opportunity to be one of the first to play the newly created links-style golf club at Roddy Ranch. It will be quite a weekend of events including wine tasting, a horse auction, Western art and collectibles auction, a gourmet barbecue dinner, and live music and dancing.

Participants throughout the weekend support the Cal Poly Rodeo and Student Golf Chapter.



For more information about the event or how to register please contact:

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 at 805-756-5370 or

Ryan Zuehlsdorf, Assistant Superintendent at The Course at Roddy Ranch. 925-706-2255

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to be more beneficial than the non-Hydrojected control plots.

Pat Gross detailed ways to deal with the summer stress conditions when growing annual bluegrass putting greens. Pat noted that *Poa* would die when turfgrass canopy temperatures reach 105 degrees. Typically canopy temperatures are 10-15 degrees higher than the air temperature. So on a day over 90 degrees or if the turf feels hot to the touch, a syringe cooling mist of water should be applied. Pat cautioned that water is a great conductor of heat and that over watering will actually superheat the root zone and predispose the turf to heat and other stresses. Pat recommended the use of fans in pocketed sites to dry the turf and increase transpirational cooling. A good suggestion was to use a tractor-mounted blower on a problem green to determine if a permanent fan is needed. Pat also talked about getting the turf healthy going into the summer, managing salinity, and using walkers with solid front rollers during the summer stress season.

Mike McCullough, agronomist for the NCGA, noted some of the problems we have in the area. One of the worst weeds in putting green turf is *Solivia* or Brass Buttons. This weed can compete at greens height and will spread rapidly if left unchecked. Light frequent applications of herbicides have only had mixed results. Mike has also been working on a moss control study evaluating Junction, RD-20, Moss Out, Daconil, and Ultra Dawn. The Ultra Dawn had the best results as a drench treatment at the rate of 4 oz. per gallon with 80 gallons of spray solution per 1,000 sq. ft. Mike also mentioned a new product called Proxy for *Poa* seed head suppression. The product has been tested and provided 75%

control of seed heads for up to six weeks for a single treatment. The product should be available in California next year.

The meeting portion of the day concluded with a panel discussion and questions from the floor. An awesome lunch and a great day of golf followed.

Sorry that more members couldn't attend this outstanding event at \$25. The lineup of speakers was second to none. It was a throw back to the old days of the association. There just aren't going to be many meetings like this anymore. I guess price, a fun golf course and educational value isn't the issue. Hello out there, what is? ♣

Naumann's NorCal News

Adam Schauer is the new superintendent at Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino. He was previously the Superintendent at a course in El Centro. He had been the assistant at Rancho Del Pueblo GC in San Jose prior to his move south. Both Rancho Del Pueblo and Deep Cliff are managed by CourseCo.....**Ray Layland** Has left Sierra Pacific Turf Supply and is now working with **Dave Sexton** at the Meadow Club in Fairfax. Replacing Ray as the Napa Branch Manager and golf salesman in the area is **Tony Steers**. Tony was the superintendent at Contra Costa CC until January of this year....Poplar Creek Golf Course, formerly known as San Mateo Municipal Golf Course, had its Grand Opening and media day on July 10. The media and many local superintendents participated making it a "Grand Day" for all. Thanks go out to superintendent **Dulbag Dubria** and his staff....The week before the U S Open in Pebble Beach, Pasadera CC in Monterey had its Grand Opening. Superintendent **Mike Phillips** and staff had the place shining. Jack Nicklaus was there to give a golf clinic and play a round of golf. Over 600 people were there to witness the event.....

CGCS Laurent Has “Senior” Moment to Remember

It's been a memorable year for Terry Laurent, CGCS at Saucon Valley Country Club. He had the task of preparing his Bethlehem, Pa., golf facility to host the U.S. Senior Open, but that was only the beginning. The evening before the final round of the tournament, Laurent was approached by the USGA about playing as a marker for competitor Bill Tindall. It caused a restless night, but 45 minutes before the scheduled tee time it was confirmed that he would be

playing with Tindall as a marker to help maintain the pace of play.

Although he's a four handicapper, Laurent hadn't played a competitive round since the 1970's. Despite hitting only a few practice shots, he managed to calm his nerves and shoot a respectable 81. The experience was made even more special by the fact that his 22-year-old son Patrick, home from college for the event, served as his caddie.

Laurent said he had additional support from his crew who

followed him around the course and provided vocal support. And from the club members who served as security and escorted him to the first tee.

“It was something I'll never forget,” Laurent said. “It was one of those dreams come true, getting to play in the event at my own facility. The gallery was very intimidating and my heart was pumping the whole round. But the best feeling may have been the support I received from the club members. That was great.”

Cornell Offers Help in Canada Geese Management

Cornell Cooperative Extension has produced a 42-page guide to help wildlife professionals, turfgrass managers and homeowners select strategies to alleviate problems caused by non-migratory Canada geese.

Managing Canada Geese in Urban Environments provides information on the biology of Canada geese, regulations covering them, management strategies and techniques. It lists equipment suppliers and includes a chart that summa-

rizes the management methods. It was produced as a collaboration by Cornell Cooperative Extension, the University of Wisconsin, the Berryman Institute, Utah State University and the Wildlife Society.

The publication complements the video, *Suburban Goose Management*:

Searching for Balance, which explains why geese are attracted to suburban neighborhoods and how they can be discouraged from nesting. It covers goose biology and takes viewers into the heart of this controversial topic while offering a critical look at current management techniques from traditional to new methods.

To order either the publication or video, contact (607) 255-2080, <http://www.cce.cornell.edu/publications/natural-resources.html>.

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GCSAA Announces Limited Budget Outreach Program

The Limited Budget Outreach Program is an initiative to provide advice and assistance to golf facilities with limited resources. The facilities that will be targeted by this program are those with extremely low budgets, which may or may not employ a full-time superintendent.

The goal of this program is to match experienced superintendents to those charged with the maintenance at these limited budget facilities, in order to provide technical advice and support as-needed/requested. Although this is a voluntary program, GCSAA is strongly encouraging affiliated chapters to participate.

The program overview, highlighting the responsibilities of chapters and GCSAA in administering this program, is available on the chapter Extranet site at <http://www.gcsaa.org/chapter/resources/programs/limbudget.html>.

Boardroom Briefs

- ◆ Secretary Treasurer **Jeff Shafer** reported that he would begin submitting the treasurer's report to Board members on a quarterly basis, although he will continue to receive a monthly report from association Executive Secretary **Barbara Mikel**
- ◆ **Roger Robarge** offered to contact Newsletter Editor, **Ken Williams** to determine the status of the proposed format changed to the newsletter. Ken had formally proposed the change at the June Board meeting. In the interim, the newsletter will be produced in black at white.
- ◆ **Jeff Shafer**, previewed a draft of a salary and compensation survey for GCSANC members. The draft will be circulated again at the next board meeting for final approval.
- ◆ **Bob Costa** reported on the status of Ball Mark Repair Week and Turfgrass Awareness Week and reviewed the activities for both events. Board members granted the approval to explore development of a promotional brochure that could be distributed along with ball mark repair tools at the Transamerica Senior PGA Tour event in October.
- ◆ After some debate, the BOD agreed to ask newsletter editor **Ken Williams** to discontinue producing "Bunker Shots" in thru the Green. Although the consensus was that the feature was entertaining and in some respects insightful, there was concern that some comments may be perceived to reflect the opinion of the GCSANC and it's membership.
- ◆ **Roger Robarge** reported on the outcome of the Scholarship Committee comprised of **Thomas Bastis, Mike Hill** and **Brad Langley**. The committee recommended the continued funding of individual recipients involved in turfgrass studies as well as developing a system to ensure that scholarship funds are applied to educational expenses only.
- ◆ President **Gary Carls** noted that the State Association is formally seeking a Chapter Manager. GCSANC Executive Secretary **Barbara Mikel** is currently the interim State Manager.
- ◆ **Bob Costa**, who is serving as the GCSANC Chapter Delegate, suggested that the September monthly meeting at Fort Ord be devoted to a discussion on PDI. The meeting format would be similar the town hall discussion at Conference and Show and possibly include **Bruce Williams** and **Ray Davies** as panel members.
- ◆ **Gary Carls** proposed a change in the 2001 meeting schedule that would feature fewer monthly meetings during the summer. **Bob Costa** recommended that one "open date" be reserved exclusively for Assistant Superintendents. There was also much discussion about altering the format of the Superintendent/Pro event in light of this year's disappointing turnout.

Quick Quote

"This is the essence of strategic architecture; to encourage initiative, reward a well-played stroke and yet to insist that there must be planning and honest self-appraisal behind the daring."

— Robert Trent Jones Sr. —



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Stanford G C: Progress Dearly Bought

By: Geoff Shackelford golf.com architecture writer

Until learning of Stanford's plans to use its historic golf course for student and faculty housing, most of us would assume that the school understands what a treasure its 1930 George Thomas-Billy Bell course is. Most of us would presume that Stanford was comparable to any Ivy League school, constantly working to safeguard the historic architecture that lends so much character to its campus.

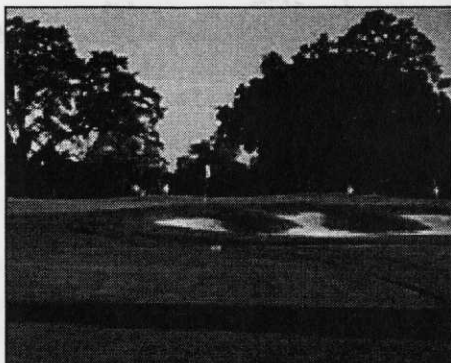
Wrong!

Stanford's administration, as the neurotic but perceptive Alvy Singer mused in "Annie Hall," clearly has no idea what's going on. They have no clue that several of the golf holes pegged for development are only in the school's hands because architects George Thomas and Billy Bell insisted Stanford acquire that land to create a better, more varied design. The administration obviously has no idea what it means to their school's image and attractiveness to have a golf course of this stature so close to the campus. They certainly have not figured out how much wonderful (and free) publicity the school receives for fostering talents like Tiger Woods, Tom Watson, Notah Begay and Casey Martin. And obviously, they have no clue what the golf course means in terms of alumni support or the general atmosphere of Stanford University.

Larry Horton, the school's Director of Government and Community Relations, says the school's future depends on finding a solution to their housing crisis. Almost as if Stanford University would just wither up and blow away if they could not build a dorm rooms on the first hole, with more to come in the near future. All this is in spite of the simple fact that Stanford has hundreds of acres of their own property to work with, yet they've chosen the golf

course land because it is close to the campus, it's flat and it's seemingly the easiest solution.

Perhaps the school assumes



all Stanford golfers are wealthy and many will offer to donate capital to build new holes in the foothills. However, this is shallow reasoning at best. An effort to build a new nine would take millions and the chances of getting such a course expansion completed are slim due to environmental concerns and the costly earthmoving that would be necessary. More importantly, the school would in effect be taking alumni support away

what it was: the ingenious use and preservation of nature's best features while incorporating the subtle, strategic aspects of golf.

The master architects were genuine artists. As skilled as Olmsted or Frank Lloyd Wright at blending art, architecture, function, engineering and their own personal vision to create pleasurable masterpieces that must be protected and cherished.

Now that we are beginning to see a greater appreciation for the merits of classic courses like Stanford, it's time that golf spend some of its excess millions and use its popularity to protect those architectural wonders.

There is only one organization in the game that has the tradition and appreciation of the game to protect the classics: The United States Golf Association.

The USGA has long been weary of programs that seem

"You know, that's one thing about intellectuals, they prove that you can be absolutely brilliant and have no idea what's going on."

— Alvy Singer in Annie Hall

from itself, and also be stripping its campus and student body of a historic and architecturally significant recreational facility.

How can a school like Stanford, which prides itself on having an Olmsted designed campus, not understand the historic and architectural integrity of their golf course?

Or is it unfair to ask them to understand this when the game of golf does not have a program in place to preserve classic designs?

Only recently has the work of its master architects been fully understood and appreciated for

outside the scope of its duties, and rightfully so. But a program is needed to bequeath landmark status on American golf courses that have architectural and historic significance in the game. It is time that these courses not only deserve recognition for their contributions, but receive a seal of approval and protection from the game's governing bodies. Such a stamp of landmark status might not stop administrations like Stanford's from coming up with hackneyed plans to replace their historic courses with dormitories. But it might serve

as a reminder that they are threatening to undermine a historic golf course and that the game of golf will not stand for it.

Sure, Oakmont and Merion probably don't need another certificate telling them they have been landmark courses both architecturally and historically. But there is a second tier of American courses that have not hosted U.S. Opens, but which have served the game in many ways. They are older courses designed by the renowned master architects. They provide great joy to thousands of golfers every year. Their classic architecture has withstood the ages and is presented in such a way that it elicits an emotional attachment from golfers that merely average designs cannot. These courses host sectional events or merely just foster young talents and fuel their desire to play the game. More often than not, it's their history and architecture that is often the reason these courses inspire people. And those courses must be saved and restored so future generations can experience the same joys.

Is it any coincidence that Stanford Golf Course has been the home to so many great players? Is it a fluke that two former USGA Presidents played the course in college, with two current members of the USGA Executive Committee having been regulars there during their years at Stanford? And sure, Tiger Woods was there for only two years before turning pro, but one wonders if he would have gone to Stanford had they been relegated to playing only the local courses? One has to assume UCLA or USC or the Arizona schools would have looked just as attractive to Tiger had Stanford not had its own classic golf course combined with a lovely campus and a fine academic reputation.

So would the USGA be overstepping its bounds by issuing historic status to courses around the country? Absolutely

not, says Sandy Tatum, a former President and Stanford alum. "I think it would fall squarely in the USGA's mission to preserve the values and tradition of the game and [protecting the golf course] most certainly would not be overstepping their bounds."

Grant Spaeth, another Stanford alum was asked what he would do if such an idea came to him during his early 90's tenure as USGA President.

"Freeway expansion has ruined many California courses and whether such a historic status could have prevailed I don't know. But clearly I would have been open to it as president and a member of the Executive Committee. Now that the USGA foundation has more substance, we would probably have appointed a subcommittee to look at this, study it carefully, and report back."

Spaeth also pointed out that ultimately, the USGA could probably set up such a program and allow the state golf associations to get involved by helping in the designation of worthy courses or in the execution of any necessary protection for those courses.

Peter James, a current member of the Executive Committee, also agrees that such a program would surely "capture some attention,

particularly with other issues in the game also possibly threatening historic courses," he said. "There is definitely room for such a program in the game, and I know its something that would certainly generate interest and discussion among the Executive Committee members."

Would a USGA stamp of approval save Stanford's course from extinction? Maybe not. There are those in golf that would say such a USGA program, started now, would only be happening because so many USGA officials past and present went to Stanford. Perhaps, but Stanford has hosted seven NCAA golf championships and a U.S. Boys Junior Championship in 1960. So it's hard to argue that Stanford has not contributed to the game in every way imaginable: great architecture, home course to numerous golfing greats, and as a historic tournament venue.

Some form of official recognition for classic architecture is long overdue and necessary to protect future situations like Stanford's. Why not take advantage of this dire situation at a course that is so clearly been vital to the game and such a special part of so many people's lives?

If not now, when will golf ever have a better opportunity to stand up for its history, tradition and classic architecture? /

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