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Historic Sequoyah CC to Host Workshop

By Bob Costa, CGCS

Nestled in the Oakland Hills, Sequoyah CC, rich in tradition and history, will play host to the Superintendent Workshop, on April 30th.

According to Co-chairman **Dr. Ali Harivandi**, the Workshop committee has finalized the educational program, which will feature presentations on lake management, the master-planning process, tree management programs and siphon drainage. The program will also recognize **Cliff Waggoner** for 50 years of membership and Sequoyah's past superintendent of 45 years, **Walter Boysen**.

Host Superintendent **Terry Grasso** welcomes the opportunity to be a part of the great educational event. "The success of the

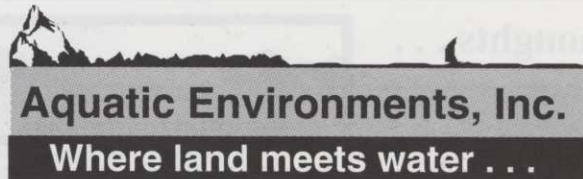
Field Workshop has been its hands-on approach to learning," said Grasso who took over the reins at Sequoyah a year ago. "After we conclude some brief indoor presentations, we will have the opportunity to view some proposed and active projects in the field". The day's program will also include a BBQ buffet and golf. The course has a storied past that includes the Oakland Open, a PGA tour stop for several years in the late 30's.

The Field Workshop, now in its third year, is a joint venture between the GCSANC and the U.C. Cooperative Extension Service. This year's event welcomes **Aquatic Environments** as the event sponsor.

Superintendent Pro Tournament Coming to Palo Alto Hills in June

Mark you calendars for June 18, 2001 for the next GCSANC monthly meeting at the beautiful Palo Alto Hills Golf and Country Club. Mike Garvale, CGCS will be our host at this wonderful country club course. While this is our traditional Superintendent - Professional event, this year we have also expanded the field to include a two-person team format for those Superintendents, Assistants and Affiliates who would also like to attend.

Registration is open to all and we encourage all of our members to take advantage of this great opportunity to play such a great course. Palo Alto Hills has been gracious enough to open their facility to us and we hope to fill the entire 120-person field. Look for the registration packet soon and we look forward to seeing you there!



Aquatic Environments, Inc., an "A" licensed general engineering contractor, was formed in 1996 in response to the market void created by increasing environmental concern and regulation. The company goal is simple; **Provide the client with a full service aquatic remediation and construction firm with an emphasis on providing the customer with the latest, proven environmental management techniques, combined with outstanding service.**

George Forni and David Najera as a team have years of experience in aquatic construction and maintenance, having been employed previously by other companies in the field of aquatics, AEI observed that the market was segmented in several different areas; some companies performed only water management, while others only concentrated on construction, and all appeared to be content on status quo operations.

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As we enter the 21st century, AEI continues to perfect alternative management practices in an attempt to minimize chemical (herbicide/algaeicide) usage. Although the industry, as a whole, is resistant to this change, AEI has persisted in the implementation, adjusting and documentation of biological (microbial) and mechanical methods of management.

Boysen Suffers Stroke

Word has reached the GCSANC that Walter Boysen has just suffered a debilitating stroke and is in the San Ramon Rehabilitation Center, 777 Norris Road, Room 42, San Ramon, CA 94583. The phone number by which he can be reached is (925) 275-6000.

The stroke mainly affected Walt's left side, but the good news is that he appears to be responding well to a regimen of intensive physical therapy. Walter just turned 93 years young on April 6.



Final Thoughts . . .

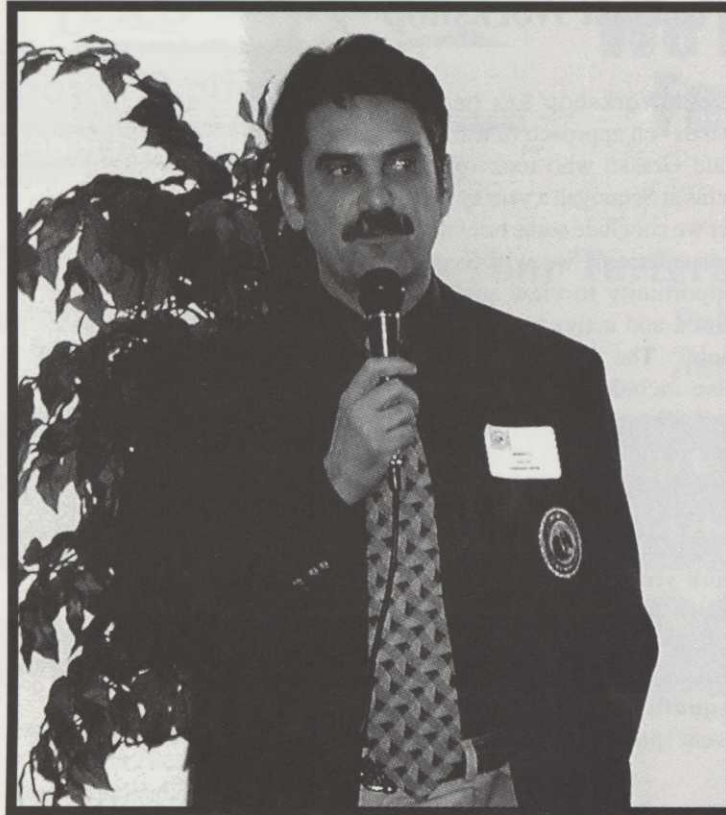
*President's Message
by Bob Costa, CGCS*

With a primary objective of increasing member value, the 2001 GCSAA Board of Directors are off and running. At the recently concluded April meeting, several items were either introduced, or approved that will offer greater value to our members.

One of those decisions was to provide partial financial support for a nematode study that has been proposed by U.C. Davis. The study will also receive financial support from the USGA, NCGA, and approximately 12 to 13 of the local clubs that have been impacted by the *Anguina pacificae* nematode. Under **Pat Finlen's** direction, the Board will continue to look to support research proposals that are of importance to Northern California clubs.

Past President **Gary Carls** continues to play an active role in association business. Gary was asked to develop a proposal for a bylaw change that would pave the way for Class C members to serve as directors on the Board. The Board's support of this bylaw change is fueled by the desire to recognize the contributions and perspective Assistant superintendents can bring to the Association. In addition, with the assistance of **Vince Keats**, Gary has finalized the GCSAA Regional Seminars for 2002. The seminars are scheduled for January 8th and 9th in Pleasanton and include Employee Safety Training and Fundamentals of Turfgrass Management II.

Concerning upcoming monthly meetings, **Jeff Shafer** and **Roger Robarge** have finalized several events, and what a lineup they have brought to the table. In June we start the



summer schedule with the Superintendent/Pro Invitational at Palo Alto Hills CC. This year's format will include a separate two-man event, which is open to **any** member. All entries will be considered on a first come first serve basis. In July we move to the coast for the inaugural Assistant Superintendent tournament on July 9th at De Laveaga. Assistants Superintendents **Jason Green**, **Mike Sousa** and **Steve Woodruff** have taken the lead in planning what should be a great event for Assistant and Affiliate members. August takes us further south to CordeValle for the Scholarship/Research and Education tournament. Need I say more? Finally, the golf portion of the season wraps up at Roddy Ranch where the Joint meeting will be held in early October. Added to the December schedule will be the first ever, mechanic's educational program. H.V. Carter's **Rex Gentry** has assumed the responsibility for planning this event.

For those in search of

education, April's Superintendent Workshop should more than fit the bill. Hosted by Sequoyah's Country Club's **Terry Grasso**, the 3rd Annual event should have a little something for everyone. Under the direction of our UC extension specialist and friend **Dr. Ali Harivandi**, this year's program features the presentations on the master-plan process and tree management, currently underway at Sequoyah. In keeping with another board objective for 2001, we will be recognizing the accomplishments of two of our most storied members and past GCSAA and GCSANC presidents, **Cliff Wagoner** and **Walter Boysen**.

So there you have it. A sampling of what is in store for 2001. Over the course of the next ten months I hope that each of you will take the opportunity to participate in one or more of these events. In the mean time, those of us who serve as Board members will continue to be mindful of our objective, and look for ways to increase the value of membership to each, and all of you.

Office Notes

By Barb Mikel

April showers? Yes, quite possibly! I flew to the April 4th Board of Directors Meeting with a 1 degree C temperature for the morning and weather forecasts for snow for the end of the week in my neighborhood.

THANKS to Dave Graves, Rex Gentry, Mike Ligon & all the H.V. CARTER COMPANY for your continued support of GCSANC and the use of your CENTRALLY LOCATED LIVERMORE FACILITIES for our geographically challenged board meetings. It is really difficult to find a location suitable for Monterey, Napa, South San Francisco, & San Jose.

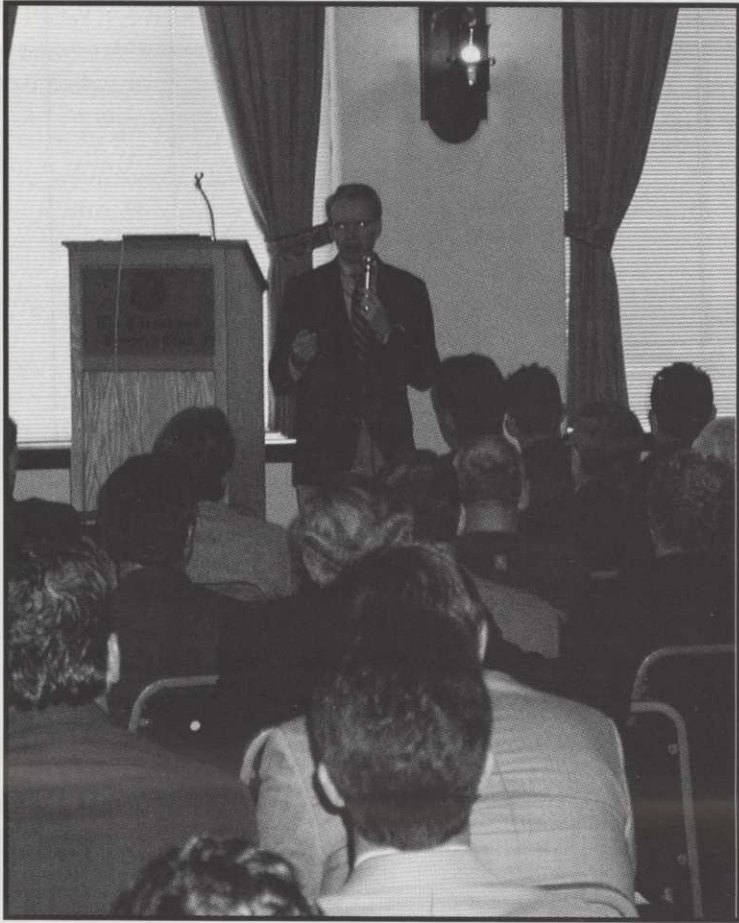
April in Kansas is what I'll be experiencing this month. GCSAA is conducting a Chapter Manger's Workshop at the end of April to explain and explore the implications of PDI for Chapters and National. I understand over 60 affiliated chapter representatives are scheduled to be in Lawrence. I'll be there and the office will be closed from April 24 to May 5. I will return in time to attend the California Golf Course Superintendent's Association Annual meeting in Shell Beach. All the California Chapter Mangers will be in Lawrence and we will have an opportunity to meet again the summarize our impressions at the May 6 CGCSA function.

I am really sorry to miss the presentation of Clifford Wagoner's 50 year pin. We don't give many of those things away and we certainly can't find anyone more deserving of that pin than Clifford! (Well, maybe Myrtle!). I know Terry Grasso was planning to have former superintendent Walt Boysen at that meeting. Unfortunately,

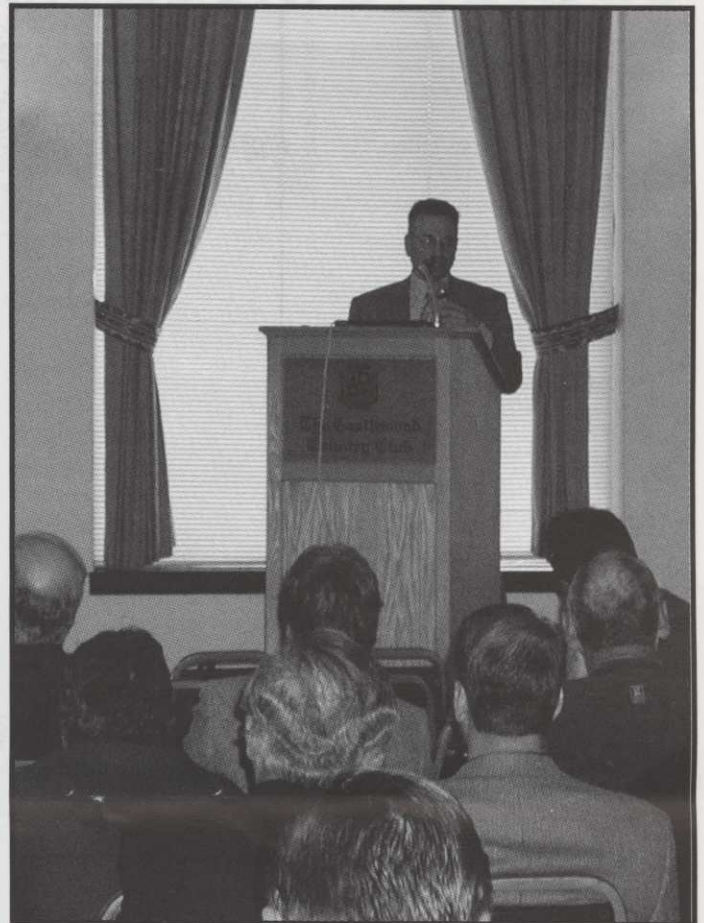
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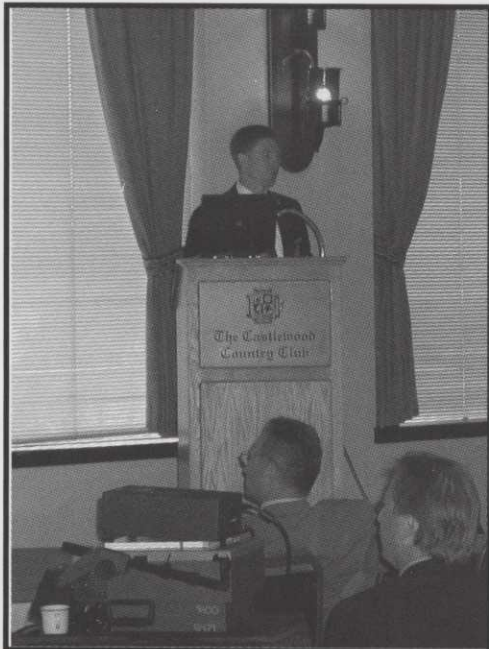
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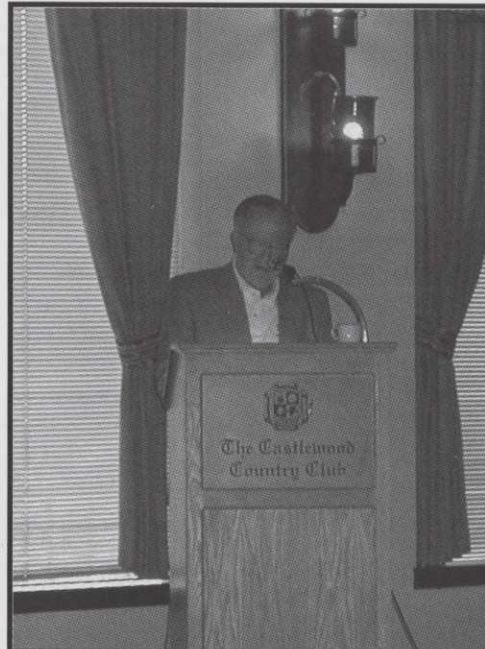
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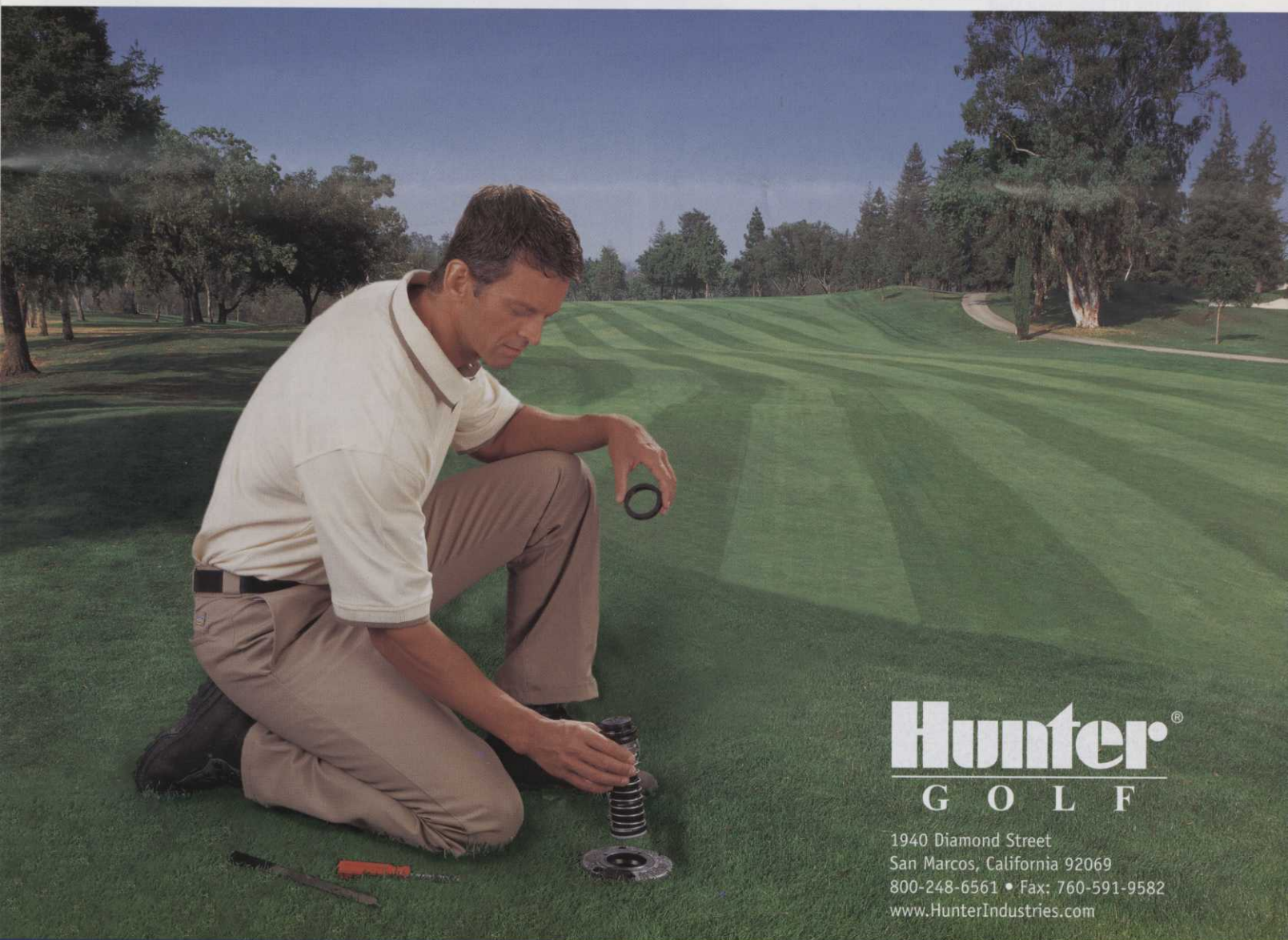
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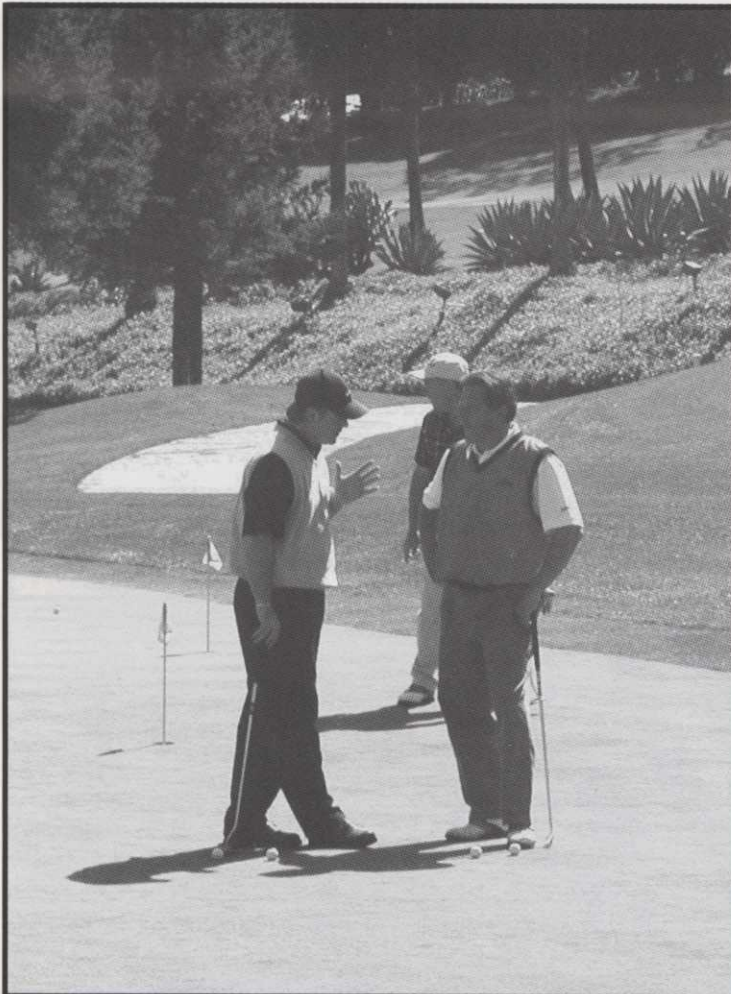
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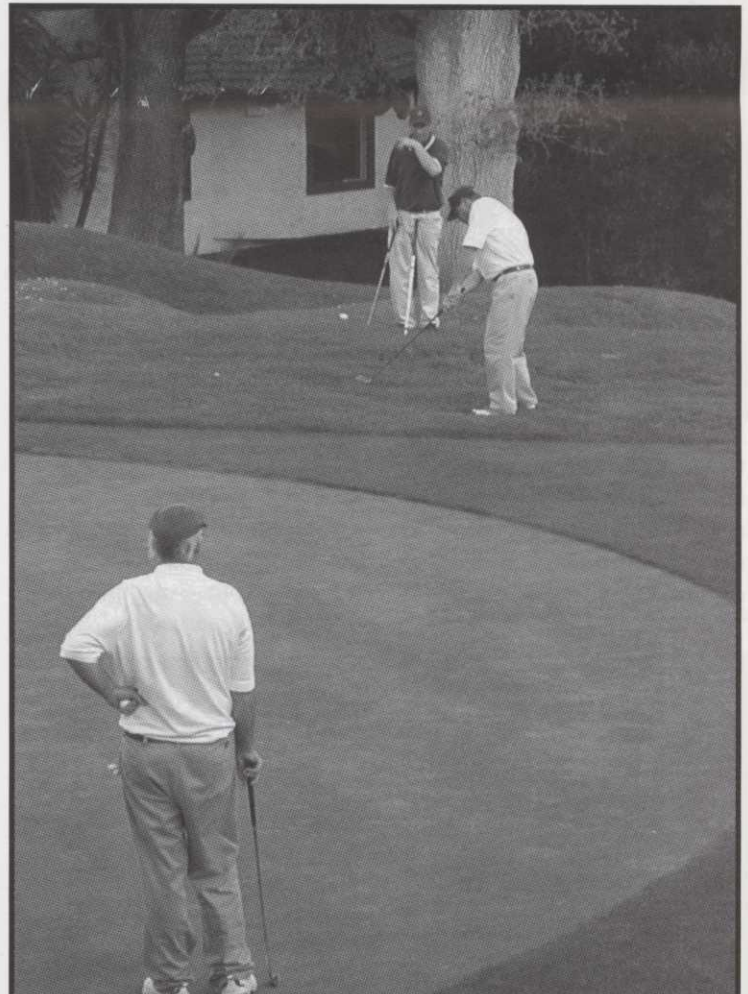
Loading up for golf

USGA/NCGA Meeting Highlights

- * The meeting was very well attended.
- * Bob Murphy entertained the crowd with his Irish humor.
- * Ali Harivandi, PhD shared preliminary results of his bentgrass trials.
- * Dick Rugge of the USGA spoke about the USGA's stand on high tech golf equipment.
- * Pat Gross addressed the shrinking golf course labor pool and the costs quality labor.
- * Eric Nelson, PhD discussed new biotechnologies and the new herbicide resistant bentgrasses.
- * Mike Huck touched on the importance of irrigation monitoring and IPM practices influencing the golf course economy.



Lewis & Garvale — "Talking shop at Castlewood"



Roger Robarge pitching onto the green as Gary Rodgers looks on.



Boardroom Briefs

By Bob Lopic

- Authorized \$1,500 to help fund the first year of research by UC Davis for a study of the parasitic nematode, *Angunia pacifica*. Primary researcher will be Ms. Becky Westerdahl. The USGA, NCGA and a number of golf courses are also involved as contributors or as research sites. If you have an interest in this project, contact any Board member for more information. Pat Gross of the USGA will issue updates on the research so that we will be able to follow the results.
- The Pro/ Supt. tournament has been reformatted to include all members. We have a great venue (Palo Alto Hills CC) for this event. Watch for details and sign up early.
- Voted to support the Oakland Youth Education program by supplying speakers to talk with students. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone interested in mentoring young people. Contact a Board member if you want to get involved or need more information.

Naumann's NorCal News

Chris Mains has accepted the Superintendent's position at Spring Valley Golf Course in Milpitas. Chris will be working with **Greg Jetter** who is the Director of Grounds and Construction. Chris was the assistant for **Randy Gai** at Claremont Country Club prior to his move.... **John Martin** is coming back to the Bay Area and will be the Superintendent at Contra Costa Country Club in Pleasant Hill. John was the Supt at Sun City Lincoln Hills prior to moving back...**Mike Leach** was recently given the award as 'City Employee of the Year' for the City of Pacific Grove. Mike is the Superintendent and General Manager for the Pacific Grove Golf Course. He was given the award by the Chamber of Commerce at a public ceremony...Poplar Creek Golf Course was recently given the 'Award of Excellence in Park Planning-Special Purpose Facility' by the California Parks and Recreation Society. Receiving the award were Golf Course Super **Dulbag Dubria**, Project Manager **Ron Mason** and Golf Services Manager **Tim Heck**. Poplar Creek is a newly renovated golf course owned by the City of San Mateo.....

NCGA Supt. Internship Program Announces Three Openings

The Northern California Golf Association is taking applications for three openings in the highly regarded Golf Course Superintendent Internship Program. The internship program, the only one of its kind in the nation, can be up to two years in duration. The paid internship requires participants to complete ten blocks of instruction that include managerial skills, irrigation system management and equipment maintenance to name a few.

Applicants must have at least two years of college with course work that includes agronomy, horticulture or turf management. Several of the recent interns have had four-year degrees. Prior work experience on a golf course is highly recommended. The applicants must also understand the game of golf. Courses that will host an intern will be in the East Bay, Sacramento and Lake Tahoe areas. Applications can be obtained online at www.ncga.org. All applications must be postmarked by May 10.



USGA Speakers, Mike Huck and Pat Gross

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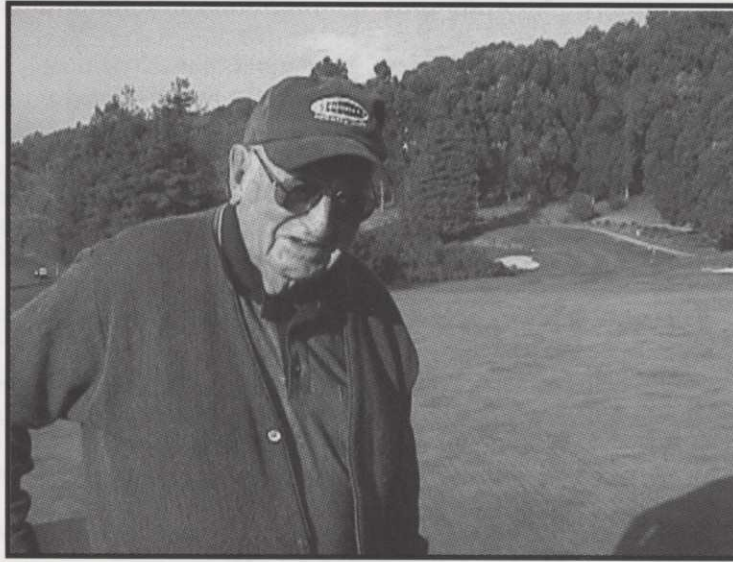


Mr. Walter Boysen of Sequoyah CC

By Gary K. Carls, CGCS

"We want very much, however, for the public and more particularly, the golfing public, to know what a 'golf superintendent' is, and what he does. It will still be up to the Chapter and its members to make the overall effort successful." Many of you probably think this is a quote from the past few years. Actually this quote is from Walter Boysen in his GCSAA President's message from May of 1967. He was discussing the start of GCSAA's public relations efforts.

Mr. Walter Boysen is one of the great men who helped shape GCSANC many years ago. In 1931 Walter Boysen graduated from U.C. Berkeley. Walter had spent his vacations while in high school and in college working on construction projects at the nearby Orinda Country Club. He worked there until 1933 as the assistant superintendent at which time he moved to Sequoyah C.C. as superintendent. After moving to Sequoyah C.C., Walter continued his education by taking night courses in agronomy and other related subjects. Walter



Walt Boysen revisiting Sequoyah Country Club

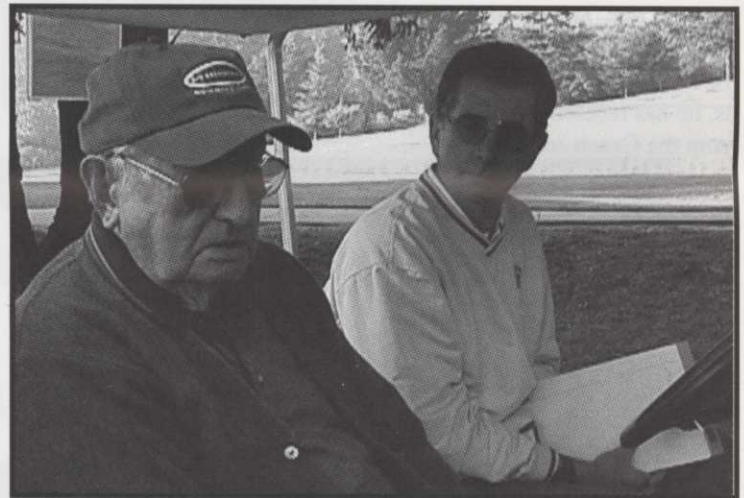
joined GCSANC in 1945 and GCSAA in 1949. In 1957 he served as president of GCSANC. It was Walter Boysen in 1965 who introduced the famous green blazers to the BOD that were worn by every board member until 1997. In 1967 Walter Boysen was elected GCSAA president and served as certification committee co-chairman. In 1970 Mr. Boysen was given a Class A Life Membership in GCSANC in gratitude for his many years of service to our chapter. He was honored again at the chapters

65th Anniversary in 1997 with a special Honorary Membership.

Walter Boysen was superintendent at Sequoyah C.C. for 50 years until his retirement in 1983. He set a great

example for future superintendents and proved that it is possible to remain at one club for a long period of time and be very successful. Walter attributed his longevity at one course to his dedication to show up everyday and always doing the best job possible with whatever resources he had to work with. Most of the time Walter worked with a five-man crew. Despite the small staff, they managed to do many in-house projects. This included everything from tree planting, to drainage work, and including many new tees. On a

recent visit to the course, Walter showed Terry Grasso many of the trees they had planted in his early years including redwoods that now stand over 40 feet tall. Imagine what your present course may be like in 50 years? As Sequoyah C.C. develops its long range plans for the future, some of Walter's expertise still influences those plans. One of Walter's hobbies has been painting. Many of his paintings of different holes at Sequoyah C.C. can be seen in the clubhouse and are being used to restore the holes to their original designs. The greens will be taken back to their "old style" and bunkering will model what existed during the years when Walt was superintendent. Recently Mr. Boysen suffered a stroke and is currently recuperating. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers and wish him the best for a speedy recovery. His many years of service and dedication to GCSANC and GCSAA have benefited all of us in the profession. He is truly a great example of what we all should aspire to achieve in our careers.



Walt Sharing his experience with Terry Grasso

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Walt shares memories with Sequoyah Member, Joe Tudesco.



Office Notes (Cont'd)

Walt isn't going to make it. I had the pleasure of meeting him during the 65th Anniversary presentation at Bayonet & Black Horse Golf Course when he was presented is original membership application! Hope you all have a great time at Sequoyah!

Speaking of Terry Grasso.... Junior Golf Resources, Inc. was a program Terry brought to the Association while serving on the Board of Directors. We've had lots of superintendents make equipment donation to this program in addition to the financial contribution by the Association. Jerry Berrow, the director for Junior Golf Resources, Inc. is very pleased with the donations made at Sunnyvale Golf Course during the Annual Meeting. He tells us, he has received inquiries from the Czech Junior Golf Team regarding this program. Mr. Berrow is being taken to Cork, Ireland in May to assist in establishing two junior programs there. He hopes to continue and expand these contacts on behalf of junior golfers! See Terry, you started an "International Incident." We need more of these kinds of incidents! Where did I hear, "it's the quiet ones you really have to watch?" Thanks Terry, for it is the used equipment, lots of time, and the attention that keeps kids engaged and brightens the future of golf. /

Too Many Medical Flag Carts At Your Facility?

The Walking Impaired Golfers Association has developed an ADA Compliance/Accessibility Policy for golf courses designed to minimize the number of golf carts on courses, and to clearly identify the golfers who need special access.

"Golf course superintendents have a desire to keep their golf courses in top condition," said Fred L. Montgomery, WIGA chairman and CEO. "And the golf cart and its misuse by golfers is a major factor impact-

ing the golf course conditioning." WIGA has completed a study of club managers in which 82 percent of the respondents believed there were too many requests for medical flags and that a better system to is needed to identify the golfers with a real need. The policy is a response to those concerns.

For a draft copy of the policy, contact WIGA at (877) 480-9442, <mailto:wiga@mindspring.com>. /

Practice Balls Support Golf Accessibility Programs

It takes more than 26,000 practice golf balls for the 13 USGA national championships. Now, those golf balls, mostly donated by Titleist, have a second life in 30 golf programs supported by USGA Foundation grants.

The grants are part of the "For the Good of the Game" initiative to promote access and affordability to those who would otherwise not be exposed to the sport. Begun in 1997, the USGA initiative has awarded more than \$22 million.

"Golf balls are a necessary part of the equation for building a successful introductory golf

program," said David Fay, USGA executive director. "We thank the manufacturers who support our national championships each year with affordable golf balls for the practice ranges, and we want them to know that their golf balls are increasingly being used to support a common goal — to introduce the game of game to future generations."

"We are glad to be a part of making our national championships come to life, and to have the chance to encourage future champions," added Wally Uihlein, chairman and CEO of Acushnet. /

Central Chapter to Host State Meeting

The Central California GCSA has planned an outstanding California GCSA Annual Meeting & CGCSA/Club Car Golf Championship. The Annual Meeting will be held at the Cliff's Resort at Shell Beach, Shell Beach, CA. The Cliff's Resort is a beautiful area overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Shell Beach, Ca. is just a couple of miles north of Pismo Beach on Hwy. 101.

To encourage more Golf Course Superintendents to attend the Annual Meeting & Golf Championship, we have applied for GCSAA tested CEU's, for Certified Golf Course Superintendent's. California Pesticide CEU's have been applied for and GCSAA PDU's will be available.

The Central California GCSA has prepared an outstanding educational program for May 7th. Following the educational program will be the Butler's Dinner and Table Top Trade Show, which will make an enjoyable evening. Included in this years' meeting is a children's program, for the evening of May 7th. So why not plan a family event for the weekend of May 6-8, 2001.

If your main interest is the golf championship, you will play a new Peter Jacobsen golf course, called Cypress Ridge Golf Club.

This is your chance to take a family trip, see old friends and relax before the summer begins. /

Historical Correction: In last month's article, I mentioned that only two GCSANC members had ever been President of the GCSAA. Actually, there was a third GCSANC member who served as GCSAA president in 1959, Mr. Elmer Border. I apologize for the omission. Gary K. Carls CGCS

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