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NorCal's Wagoner Reaches Fifty Year Milestone

Cliff Wagoner CGCS, a former Golf Course Superintendent at Del Rio Country Club, was recently recognized as a 50-year member of the Golf Course Superintendent's Association of Northern California. The GCSANC, which was founded in 1932, is the largest of the six superintendent associations in California.

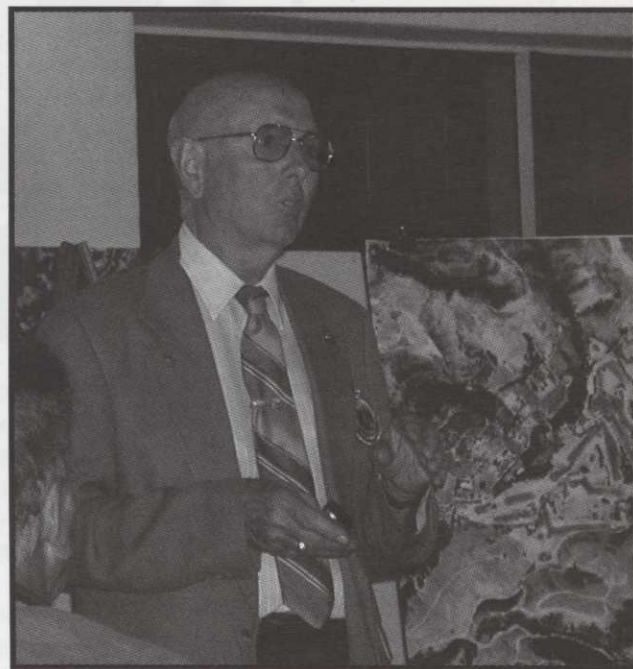
Wagoner's remarkable 31-year tenure at Del Rio began in 1954 and ended with his retirement in 1985. Amongst his many accomplishments, Wagoner served as the NorCal President in 1959, 1965 and 1967. In addition, he held a similar post with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America in 1973, where he has been a member since 1956.

Throughout his career

Wagoner has been a constant advocate for the superintendent profession and was instrumental in implementing numerous programs at the local, state and national level. His efforts gained him Distinguished Service awards in both the CGSANC and GCSAA in 1985 and 1996. In 1987, the California Golf Writer's Association recognized him for his many contributions to golf, presenting him with the coveted Golden State Award.

One of Wagoner's proudest accomplishments and one that exemplifies his dedication to the profession was his attendance at monthly association meetings. Between 1953 and 1968, only once did he fail to attend and that was due to illness.

So what's left for a one of the most distinguished members in GCSANC history? According to Wagoner, he has his sites set on



Cliff Wagoner thanks the GCSANC

two more goals. "I'd like to get fifty years in with the GCSAA and attend 50 straight conferences," says Wagoner "then I'll be ready to fade away."

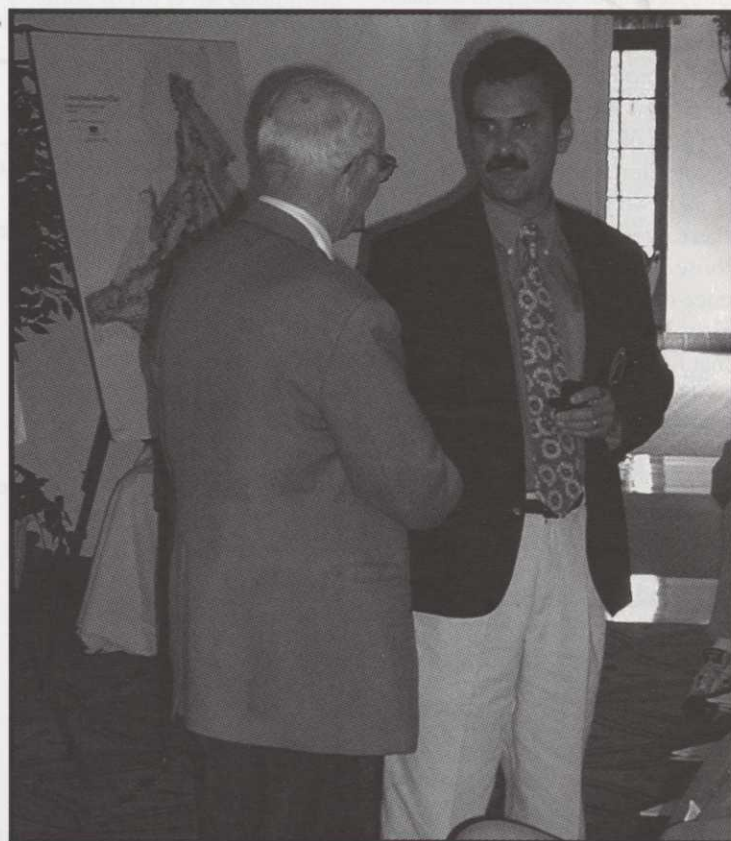
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President, Bob Costa, CGCS, presents Cliff with his 50 year pin



Final Thoughts . . .

*President's Message
by Bob Costa, CGCS*

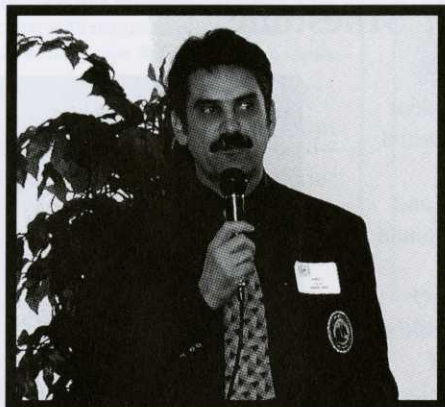
Meeting of the Minds

Many of you may be aware the California Golf Course Owners Association will be conducting their General Meeting at Rancho Cañada Golf Club on June 21st. The one-day program includes a morning educational session, lunch and an exhibitor's show. Aside from the fact that the program contains topics that are pertinent to our profession you may be wondering why I've taken the time to promote the event in Final Thoughts.

According to the information I have received the event planners are anticipating up to 125 owners and General managers from throughout the state. For a profession that has been committed to improving its stature within the golf hierarchy, I see this as yet another opportunity to establish our presence and demonstrate that collectively, we are far more than just keepers of the greens. What a great impression it would make if 30 or 40 superintendents were there, weighing in along side those that have a direct influence on our careers and profession. I encourage each of you that have an interest to register by phone at 831 373-3701.

Media Watch

It has been quite some time since I have commented on the status of the media program. Well, I'm pleased to say it is alive and doing quite well. Since Greg Crawford's departure last spring, we have continued to move the program forward with what I consider a great deal of success. Granted, superintendents haven't been featured on front-page stories, or the 6 o'clock news, but quite frankly



that has never been the objective of the program. What we have done is somewhat methodically established a presence in a small way. Our friends at Hooked on Golf Mitch Juricich and John Abendroth have included superintendents on their radio program five times in the past year. This winter we are likely to

have our superintendent of the year recognized at the golf Writers Dinner and on the Monterey Peninsula. Superintendents are routinely recognized in the golf section. In addition, our press releases have periodically appeared in an assortment of newspapers and trade publications; all of which helps

us maintain a presence in the golf industry. Later this summer we will be re-introducing ball mark repair week and are planning an informal media golf outing.

Assistants in the Spotlight

July 9th marks the inaugural

Assistants tournament hosted by De Laveaga's Don Paul. Under the direction of Assistants Jason Green, Steve Woodruff and Mike Souza the event will feature an educational session geared towards Assistants led by the USGA's Pat Gross. Although the intent of the gathering is to recognize assistants, superintendents and affiliate members are encouraged to participate as well. I hope that our member superintendents will show their support for this event either by attending, or encouraging their assistants to attend. Likewise, for affiliate members, this could be a great opportunity to interface and establish a relationship with the superintendents of tomorrow. For those non-member assistants we welcome you as well.

Office Notes

By Barb Mikel

I came across a 1979 GCSAA survey recently. It certainly brought to mind some interesting facts regarding superintendent's salaries and educational status, course budgets and facility sizes.

	Nat'l Av.	CGCS	Top 10% of Respondent	
Total Value of Annual Compensation	\$25,462	\$29,596	\$40,473	
Annual Base Salary only	\$20,839	\$24,011	\$30,418	
Annual Course Operating Budget	\$190,723	\$221,328	\$302,623	
Percentages by type of course				
Private	62.53%	68.59%	75.53%	
Military	1.24	1.44	1.06	
Public/muni	18.31	25.45	8.51	
Semi-private	14.46	9.17	5.31	
Other	3.43	5.31	9.57	
*National Survey of Golf Course Superintendent - 1979 GCSAA				
Golf Course Budget Breakdown by size of Course				
	9	18	27	Over 27
Capital Equipment	\$10,453	\$15,243	\$ 16,278	\$ 41,096
Salary & Fringes	\$27,259	\$85,139	\$108,495	\$232,909
Fertilizer	\$ 3,020	\$ 9,701	\$ 11,194	\$ 24,519
Pesticide	\$ 2,361	\$ 8,828	\$ 9,350	\$ 18,057
Equipment Repair	\$ 3,558	\$ 10,331	\$ 12,300	\$ 24,545
Other	\$10,152	\$ 24,655	\$ 32,920	\$ 78,191
Course size in acres	64	142	187	327
* Profile of Golf Course Superintendents GCSAA 1979				



Dr. Feelgood

By Mike McCullough, NCGA Agronomist

Now that spring has sprung, and grass is growing, it is time to recognize some very important people: equipment technicians. These dedicated employees are arguably the superintendent's MVPs (Most Valuable Persons). Considering how much the equipment inventory is worth, the technicians are responsible for more than just checking air pressure in utility cart tires.

If the pump station is the heart of the golf course maintenance operation, and drainage is the skeleton, then mechanics are probably the doctors. Performing checkups on finely tuned equipment requires the skill and precision of a surgeon.

Frequently, I've heard that the best way to tell if a golf course is in good shape is how well the equipment is maintained. If that statement has any ounce of truth or merit, then a premium is placed on hiring or keeping a competent technician or technicians.

Titles such as grease monkey, wrench-turner or knuckle-buster are old monikers that can bring a chuckle to most of us. However, the stereotype of the mechanic being a grease-laden, second-class citizen is long gone. Ironically, the position that bore the wrong end of so many jokes is getting the last laugh.

Many times the maintenance crew workers recognize the head equipment technician as an unofficial assistant superintendent. In some cases, the equipment technicians have gone on to become fine assistant superintendents and some have even become

superintendents.

At Lake City Community College in Florida, a technical program has been developed that has mushroomed in popularity and exposure in a relatively short amount of time. According to John Piersol, Chairman of the Division of Golf, Landscape and Forestry, the Turf Equipment Management program has exploded over the last 10 years. "The demand for our graduates is staggering," cited Piersol. "We routinely get five or six job offers for every person that finishes the program."

The Turf Equipment Management program has a one-year technician certificate or a two-year AS program for individuals who are interested in a career in golf course equipment maintenance.

Why is there such a demand for equipment technicians? It's a good question and one in which a local area superintendent has thought long and hard about. In fact, the superintendent, who shall go unnamed, recently said that if he could do it over again, he would become an equipment technician. He said the hours are better, the stress level is lower, and the pay is very good, especially when you are a highly skilled.

Piersol totally understands why a superintendent would say that. According to a recent salary survey of graduates in this program, most graduates start out earning very nice salaries, considering some have only been in school for nine months. Experienced technicians can command wages that are jaw-dropping, to say the least.

If the wages are so good, why isn't there a more plentiful supply of equipment technicians? Most superintendents would like to know the same thing. If golf courses have an established and experienced equipment technician, so-called equipment emergencies are quickly passed off as a case of the hiccups instead of a full-blown case of ican'tbelievethis ishappeningtome-itis. Inexperienced technicians have a large learning curve, which according to Murphy's Law, comes at the most stressful times of year for growing turf.

One of the biggest problems superintendents face is finding quality individuals who can function at a high level. One superintendent in the Sacramento area said that his hardest position to fill is the equipment technician. Once a good equipment technician is hired, the superintendent is likely to do almost anything to keep him or her.

Some of the benefits that are frequently mentioned are more vacation days, flex time and extra overtime. Speaking of perks, don't forget the ability to play golf. Having a technician that plays golf can and frequently does pay dividends in regards to keeping equipment in top-notch condition.

The Lake City, Fla., program is not immune to problems that are common in California: not enough interested individuals. Piersol claims the program could handle more students, yet he finds himself routinely beating the bushes promoting the program to find qualified candidates. And this is from a program with unparalleled

success in regards to job placement for graduating students. It certainly seems times are tough all over.

Several courses have assistant equipment technicians on staff. These part-time technicians or technicians-in-training, when given the proper training and supervision, have been lifesavers for several clubs. However, getting the general manager or the governing board to agree to the additional position may require the assistance of a good trial lawyer. However, once the extra position is granted the benefits will be reaped sooner rather than later.

With the addition of an extra set of hands, the philosophy of the management staff can become proactive instead of reactive in regards to maintaining equipment. One of the key components the instructors stress at the Lake City program is a preventative maintenance schedule. Establishing and maintaining a regimented PM schedule is paramount to equipment longevity and performance.

Routine checkups with the doctor are usually not a painful experience. Especially when the doctor has plenty of experience and has tons of equipment at their disposal. It's nice to hear, "Take two quarts of 30-weight and call me in the morning."

Did You Know??

In 1947, the first joint meeting between the NCGA and GCSANC was held at Lake Merced C.C.



Selecting Bentgrasses for Golf Greens

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In the past 5-10 years, many new, and reported improved, creeping bentgrasses (*Agrostis palustris* Huds.) have been introduced to the market. However, independent research data on comparative performance in varying climates and under intensively managed putting green conditions have not been available. Increased demand by golf course superintendents for such information led in 1997 to a joint research project on 13 golf courses across the United States. A set of evaluation trials was sponsored by the United States Golf Association (USGA), the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA), and the National Turfgrass Evaluation Program (NTEP). Trial sites are all located on golf courses near a land grant University with a turfgrass research program, or in a major metropolitan area which is readily accessible to a University turfgrass scientist. At all these sites eighteen (18) creeping bentgrass varieties are planted on a new putting or chipping green, built according to the USGA specifications. This research differs from evaluations traditionally conducted at University research stations because the greens are maintained similar to other greens at the golf course and are used by golfers for practice putting and/or chipping.

The site chosen for the Northern California evaluation, is located at the Crystal Springs Golf Course (CSGC) in Millbrae on the San Mateo peninsula. In addition to Corsco Inc., the CSGC operating group, the Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern

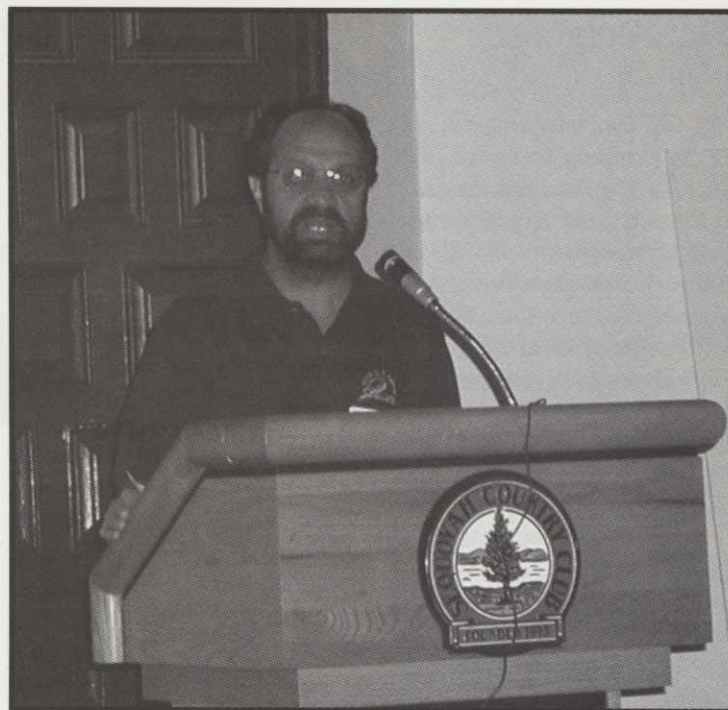
California, has also joined the University of California Cooperative Extension, as the co-sponsors of this local research project.

The 18 creeping bentgrasses were seeded in September of 1997 on the newly built practice green at CSGS. The USGA green and its surround, was designed and donated to the project by the Robert Trent Jones Jr's group of Palo Alto, California. All varieties, supplied by NTEP, were planted at the rate of 1.1 lb/1000 ft² in a randomized complete block design, 10 ft x 5 ft² plots with 3 replications. Seeds were planted carefully by hand to prevent contamination of adjacent plots, and then were lightly raked in. A complete fertilizer, providing 2 lbs phosphorus plus 2 lb potassium plus 1 lb nitrogen per 100 ft² was also applied at this time. The area of the green, outside the research plots was seeded with "Cobra" creeping bentgrass, and then the irrigation was turned on. The green was maintained for 6 months until grasses were well established and in spring 1998, the green was opened to use by the golfers. This maintenance regiment of the green since its opening in 1998 is as follows:

Mowing: Three times weekly at 5/32 inch, with a walk-behind mower. No rollers or groomers are used.

Cultivation/Topdressing: Spiking and 1/4" hollow time aeration is done several times during the year. No verticutting is practiced, but the grass is occasionally topdressed with sand.

Fertilization: Both inorganic and organic fertilizers (Milogamite) are used to provide an average of 6 pounds



of nitrogen per 1000 ft².

Pesticide use: Fungicides are occasionally as creative applications. Brandleaf hulicides have been used twice. No insecticide or other pesticides have ever been applied. The green is open all year for putting and chipping. The use of soft spiked shoes is encouraged.

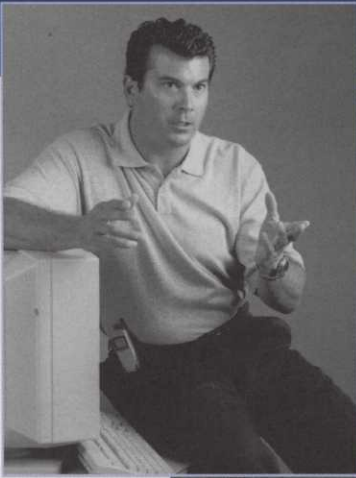
Starting January of 1998, various data on each plot, overall quality on a scale of 1-9 (9=best), is taken on a monthly basis. Color ratings on a scale of 1-9 (9=darkest green) are taken one time a year during October, when the least amount of environmental stress is present and the full genetic color for any variety could be expressed. Variety density on a scale of 1-9 (9=narrowest leaf blade) are taken annually during the autumn. Two to three times per year, the stimpmeter readings for each plot is also recorded, using a modified stimpmeter, specifically designed for use on small research plots. This modified stimpmeter has its ball release notch located at 15 inches, rather than at 30 inches from the beveled end, as is in the typical

USGA stimpmeter. The accompanying table, summarizes the result of the data collected during the year 2000, the third year of evaluation. This trial is a 5-year project and will not be completed until the end of 2002, at which time the entire 5 year data will be analyzed and final recommendations on selecting among these varieties will be made available. The data presented in accompanying table should, therefore, be viewed as preliminary and are presented here only as a guide to those superintendents presently in need of such information.

In reviewing the Table, please note the values given for LSD (Least Significant Difference). This statistical term is used to determine the statistically significant differences among the cultivation for each evaluated parameter. To determine statistical differences among varieties, subtract one variety's mean rating from another variety's mean rating. Statistical differences occur when the value is larger than the corresponding LSD value. If the

See "Bentgrasses" page 7

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Limited Budget Outreach Update

By Bruce Olson, Emerald Hills Golf Course

The Limited Budget Outreach Program was initiated by GCSAA Past President David W. Fearis, CGCS almost two years ago. The program is to provide advice and assistance to golf facilities with limited resources, those facilities with a golf course maintenance budget of approximately \$100,000 or less. This definition varies by geographic area. These facilities may or may not employ a full-time superintendent. The mission is "to help superintendents enhance course conditions in order to help grow the game of golf". The primary goal is to match experienced superintendents (active or retired) with the individuals charged with the maintenance at these limited budget facilities in order to provide technical advice and support. As David noted in his President's message of October 2000, many superintendents started playing or working at these smaller facilities. He stressed that this is not a GCSAA membership drive. This is an organized program to bring assistance to limited budget golf courses. The hope was to identify 500 limited-budget courses by June of 2001.

Jim Irvine and I were asked to be the GCSANC's representatives for this program. The Limited Budget Resource Group met by conference call on March 28, 2001. The following is provided as a short summary of the conference call and the Member Group discussions.

* The Limited Budget Resource Group members agreed to help oversee the program and have been assigned a list of chapter liaisons to contact. Roger Martinez of Twin Creeks Golf Course is our

Resource Group leader. The Group members are to promote the program (motivate the liaisons like me!) and provide information back to the Resource Group Chairman. Adjustments and improvements to the program can then be made.

* The GCSAA is developing a "hold harmless" letter that advising superintendents may use if there is a liability concern.

The first requirement is to develop a list of limited budget facilities. I have developed a database of all California Golf Courses (gleaned from a book remarkably with the same title!) This database will be shared with the other California sections, which are all under Roger's Membership Group.

With this list we can take the first step of the program, (1) identify limited budget facilities within your chapter. We will now (2) develop a list of volunteer superintendents within each chapter. Get ready! Then (3) we are to develop and maintain an inventory list of low-cost equipment that can be purchased by limited budget facilities. Next (4) we are requested to publicize the program at most meetings and encourage participation of volunteers. Get ready again! Finally (5) we are to encourage meeting attendance by those superintendents employed by limited budget facilities.

The GCSAA has supplied all forms and information to get the program started. They will provide two free GCSAA memberships for limited budget superintendents. They promise to publicize the program and track/recognize the success/failures of the program and make necessary corrections. I

spoke with Don Bretthauer at GCSAA headquarters who stressed the individual approach Chapters must take to assist. There is no single or set way we must try to help these facilities as a Chapter. The purpose is just to help in meaningful ways.

This may not be the most exciting program developed, but it is certainly a worthwhile one. The assistance, information and encouragement from the GCSANC and from many of

you as individuals have helped tremendously at Emerald Hills. We no longer qualify as a limited-budget facility. We have "grown the game" here and are quite proud of the conditions we maintain. We could not have done it without the help of the GCSANC, the GCSAA, and most importantly many individual superintendents. I hope you will embrace this program and provide your assistance. We welcome your ideas. /

Naumann's NorCal News

Jess Pifferini has accepted the Supt. position at Shoreline Golf Links for the City of Mountain View. Jess was at Coyote Creek Golf Course prior to his move....**Barry Mueller** has left Mountain Shadows GC and is the new Supt. at Franklin Canyon GC in Rodeo. As of June, CourseCo will take over the management of Mountain Shadows which is owned by the City of Rohnert Park. **Jose Aguilera** was the previous Supt. at Franklin Canyon

At Lahinch Golf Club in Lahinch Ireland, there is a sign in the Pro shop that says for a weather forecast, check out the goats. For decades there have been goats on the property and as forecasters, they were perfect. If the weather was to be good, the goats would be out near the 10th hole. If the weather was going to be bad, they were close to the clubhouse. It was a tradition to see where they were to determine what kind of weather the golfers would enjoy that day. This was another fine example of golfers totally losing a sense of reality when they play. Unfortunately, the fine weather forecasters at Lahinch recently met their demise due to Europe's Foot and Mouth disease.

Bentgrasses (Cont'd)

difference between the mean value for two varieties within the same column is not greater than the corresponding LSD, then the two varieties are statistically the same for that specific quality component.

For example, considering the LSD value of 0.7 given for mean turf quality ratings, there is no significant differences between

the 12 top performing varieties (L-93 down to Providence), since their mean differences are smaller than 0.7.

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Century Acquires Bay Irrigation

Century Rain Aid, the nation's leading distributor of landscape irrigation products, announces the acquisition of Bay Irrigation and Turf Supply with three locations in northern California. The new Century sites are located in Concord, Elk Grove and Rocklin.

The purchase of Bay Irrigation and Turf Supply signals Century's entry into the California market. "The Century network of branches now covers 35 states and Canada," reported Wayne R. Miller, Century president.

"The acquisition of Bay Irrigation is a significant step for Century as it establishes us in the important California market and signals our intention to initiate a system of Century branches statewide. As many industry professionals know, California is the largest domestic market in the country for irrigation products and services."

Century Rain Aid, which has been in business for over 30 years, has more than 160 branches serving the U.S., Canada and the Caribbean Basin. The company carries product lines from Rain Bird, Hunter Industries, Irritrol, Hunter Golf, Vista Professional Outdoor Lighting, Kichler Lighting, Aqua Master and Oase fountains, Berkeley and SyncroFlo pumps and many other industry leaders.

Bay Irrigation was founded in Concord, CA, in 1974 by Tom and Phyllis Blossl. The Elk Grove and Rocklin branches were added in the early 1990s. Mrs. Blossl has directed the company as owner-president since Tom Blossl passed away in 1990.

"All key personnel from Bay will continue to staff the new Century locations and will now be able to offer an expanded product line and a greater range of services to our customers.

Century is headquartered in Madison Heights, Michigan, and is a subsidiary of Richton International (AMEX: RHT). Richton International was named one of the "200 Fastest Growing Companies in the U.S." by Forbes magazine. For more information, see Century on the web at www.rainaid.com or call 800-347-4272.

GCSANC Call For Sponsors

GCSANC Affiliate members take notice. Several 2001 monthly meetings are available for sponsorship. Meeting sponsorship provides an opportunity for business's to gain valuable exposure and recognition at monthly meetings and special events.

Depending on the event, meeting sponsorship includes; a promotional article in "Thru the Green", event recognition and the right to distribute promotional materials. For more information on available events and how you can take advantage of this, any many other sponsorship activities, please contact Association Executive Secretary Barbara Mikel at 530 626-0931

Boardroom Briefs

By Bob Lopic

- ◆ The Board has authorized a contribution of \$3,000 to the U. C. Cooperative Extension to support **Ali Harivandi's** turfgrass research program. This is a continuation of the support that our association has given to a local researcher working in our area.
- ◆ A contribution of \$1,500 was authorized to the University of California for research at U. C. Davis on the Angunia pacifica nematode problem. **Pat Gross** of the USGA will coordinate the distribution of the research findings to our organization. This research is also being funded by a number of local courses and both the USGA and NCGA.
- ◆ In other contributions, the Board also donated \$475 to the Junior Golf Program at Palo Alto Golf Course for the year of 2001.
- ◆ Director Vice Keats reported to the Board that a committee, which had been asked to explore the possibility of hiring a Media Director, recommended that we continue with the present arrangement. The committee did suggest that we explore the use of a media person to assist periodically with special events or programs.
- ◆ On the State level, the State Annual Meeting at Shell Beach was a very successful event. It was a great educational session, a wonderful tournament, and a good chance to meet and learn from fellow professionals throughout the state. The GCSA of Central California put this event together with help from the State Board. All are to be congratulated on a job well done. Put this event on your calendar if you didn't have a chance to attend this year.

2001 State Meeting Golf Tournament Results

Superintendents GROSS

1st Place	Score: 42	Tom Elliott, CGCS
2nd Place	Score: 35	Robert Hertzling
3rd Place	Score: 35	Sam Williamson, CGCS
4th Place	Score: 35	Mike Stieler
5th Place	Score: 31	Mike Garvale, CGCS
6th Place	Score: 31	Dave Flaxbeard

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1st Place	Score: +7	Corey Eastwood, CGCS
2nd Place	Score: +6	Patrick Shannon
3rd Place	Score: +3	Marc McCane, CGCS
4th Place	Score: +3	Kevin Kienast
5th Place	Score: +2	Christopher Gose
6th Place	Score: +2	Patrick Holden

Affiliate GROSS

1st Place	Score: 37	John Grund
2nd Place	Score: 29	Greg Furlong
3rd Place	Score: 28	Wally Michotte
4th Place	Score: 27	Dana Waldor
5th Place	Score: 26	Denny Lehman

Affiliate NET

1st Place	Score: +7	Don Naumann
2nd Place	Score: +5	John Young
3rd Place	Score: +4	Pete Bowman, CGCS
4th Place	Score: +3	Manuel Pina
5th Place	Score: +3	Kirk Schneider

LONG DRIVE: Wade Lichliter

ACCURATE DRIVE: John Culbertson

CLOSEST TO HOLE: #2	2'11"	Jay Jamison
#11	3'9"	Wade Lichliter
#17	2'1"	Pat Holden

SKINS:

Hole #4	Birdie	John Grund
Hole #9	Eagle	Corey Eastwood, CGCS
Hole #12	Birdie	Al Lanoie
Hole #14	Birdie	Tom Elliott, CGCS
Hole #16	Birdie	Tom Elliott, CGCS



Past President Sam Williamson & new President Pat Gradoville



1st Tom Elliott, CGCS - Super - Gross

1st John Grund - Affiliate - Gross

1st Don Naumann - Affiliate - Net



Dr. Kosta



Dr. Kurtz

GCSANC 2001 Scholarship Recipients

- David Karp, Cal Poly SLO
Visalia, CA
San Luis Obispo Golf and Country Club
- Gregory McCoy, Foothill College
San Jose, CA
San Jose Country Club
- John Smurthwaite, Rutgers University
Mountain View, CA
California Golf Club

In Memoriam:

Walter Boysen, Retired

Jim Adams, G.C. at Bethel Island



CourseCo Creates Partnership With Oakland Youth

While engaged in writing a proposal for the re-construction of Oakland's former Lew Galbraith Golf Course, Ray Davies, CGCS had a vision of developing a unique partnership between Oakland's education community and his employer CourseCo. The goal was to expose Oakland's inner city youth to careers in the green industry. Oakland has a need for job training for their youth and Golf has a need to bring more minorities and women into the game.

The original concept was to create a relationship between local high schools and the Future Farmers of America using the new golf course as a living laboratory for field trips, experiments, and on-site work experience. The FFA was then in the process of developing a new curriculum to teach turf and golf course management in collaboration with the GCSAA. According to Davies, the program would develop leadership skills while exposing students to potential careers in the green industry as well the game of golf.

During the planning phase, Davies found the interest so strong in Oakland that the program was expanded to include an educational path, which now includes a two-year high school program, followed by two years in a new turf certificate program at Merritt College, and finally two years at Cal Poly SLO. Each student will follow his or her individual interests. Some will choose a career goal that leads to a two-year certificate, while others will continue on to Cal Poly SLO for a full four-year degree. The unique aspect of the program is that some of the high school

work will transfer to the college program at Merritt. Also, the work at Merritt will transfer to Cal Poly SLO.

Davies sees a role in the educational process for NorCal Superintendents as well. "Were hopeful that we can rely on the chapter to supply internships, speakers for classroom and field trip instruction, post job openings and provide access to member courses for learning opportunities. Were even looking for someone who might be interested in teaching a class at the community college level".

According to GCSANC President, Bob Costa the program has the full support of the Board of Directors. "What a

great opportunity to give something back to the community said Costa. I think most superintendents really enjoy the opportunity to teach others about the profession and would find the experience highly rewarding. I encourage anyone who has an interest in participating to contact either Ray or myself".

The program currently underway, has also received support from the GCSAA and the USGA. In addition, UC Extension Specialist Dr. Ali Harivandi, and GCSANC past president Gary Carls, CGCS, are serving in advisory roles.

In late June, teachers in California will be informed of this new curriculum. Those who

choose to utilize the new curriculum will be looking to partner with local superintendents to create educational opportunities on local golf courses. If you receive a call, get involved. Better yet, call your local high school FFA advisor and suggest the school teach the students about turf using this program. Exposing California students to the golf course management profession will enhance the role of the golf course superintendent in the eyes of the public. Furthermore, It will also benefit superintendents who, in the future, will be hiring from a pool of applicants who have been exposed to turf in high school. What a great idea. /

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