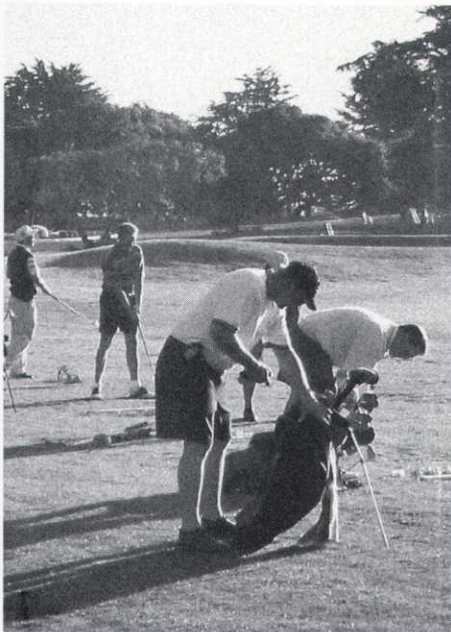


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Monterey and GCSANC Proved to be Great Hosts for the 2003 CGCSA Annual Meeting...

By Gary K. Carls CGCS

Last month the GCSANC hosted one of the best California Golf Course Superintendents meetings ever held. The weather was spectacular and the Monterey Peninsula shined like only it can. Over 220 members from throughout the state made the trip to Monterey and I'm sure they all enjoyed the visit.

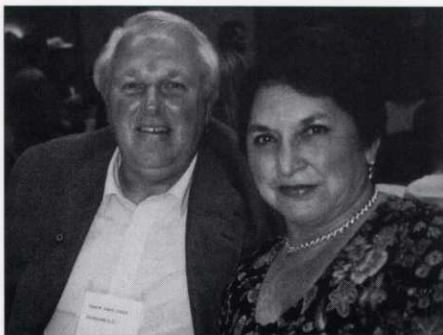
On Sunday evening there was a reception at the beautiful Monterey Bay Aquarium and great food and conversation were had by all. Over 200 people visited the aquarium. The door-to-door shuttle service from the hotels made the trip easy for all. Our group had access to major portions of the aquarium and got a chance to tour through one of the best aquariums in North America. For those that have never been, I would highly recommend a visit on your next trip to Monterey.

On Monday the Double Tree Hotel in Monterey was the site of the CGCSA Annual Meeting and an all-day educational seminar. The new State officers were elected for the coming year and will be Jessie Creencia CGCS, President, Nancy Dickens CGCS, Vice-President and Pat Finlen CGCS, Secretary/Treasurer. I'm certain they will all do a great job for our state chapter. The morning portion of the education seminar started with an update on the GCSAA PDI implementation by Hannes Combest from GCSAA. The remainder of the morning focused on various research information from several speakers from throughout California. The afternoon session was devoted to discussing salt affected turfgrass sites with Dr. Robert Carrow from the University of Georgia. As water becomes a scarcer resource in the future, strict conservation measures will become an even bigger issue for most of us in California.

On Monday evening over 45 vendors displayed their products in a small trade show at the hotel. They were in direct competition with a beautiful Monterey evening and most made a quick visit to the trade show and headed off to see the town. It is very important that you please support those vendors who regularly support our local chapter and state chapter functions. Without the support of these vendors, much of what we were able to do in Monterey would never be able to happen.

Tuesday morning brought out the sun and over 130 players to the Bayonet Golf Course for the CGCSA John Deere Golf Championship. After a light morning breakfast, players teed it up and enjoyed a great round of golf and cheer. Tom Bevan and his staff had the course in spectacular shape and we couldn't have asked for better conditions for golf. After golf, lunch was provided and golf prizes were awarded. Southern California GCSA members Sam Williamson CGCS and Bruce Williams CGCS were the gross and net division winners among the superintendents. The remaining golf results are listed on **page 4** of this newsletter.

Next year the Southern California chapter will host CGCSA Annual Meeting and I urge everyone to attend. It is truly a great opportunity to meet and spend a few days with your fellow superintendents from throughout California. As the outgoing State



Georgianne & Gary K. Carls

President, I also want to thank my local chapter and all those individuals who worked to make this a great event. A lot of hard work and planning go into making this event work and it takes a lot more coordination than a regular monthly meeting. I know everyone on the GCSANC BOD put effort into this and it really showed in the end. It set a new standard for what we all hope this meeting will be in years to come.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Bob Lopic, CGCS
Orinda Country Club

I want to thank all of the people who worked so hard to put on a very successful State meeting. If you did not have a chance to attend, I encourage you to do so next year. The educational and social opportunities are exceptional.

Our publication schedule is such that you are probably back from Diablo Grande GC for the Superintendent/Pro event.

Next up is the Assistant Superintendent meeting July 28th at La Rinconada CC, followed by the Scholarship and Research Tournament August 11th at Eagle Ridge. Once again, these events are open to all membership classes.

As you mark your calendar for the upcoming events this year, please consider bringing along either a current member who has not been active in our events, or a guest that you want to introduce to our association.

This is our best chance at increasing participation and continuing the growth of our association. There is nothing stronger than the "personal touch".

Your current Board of Directors needs to hear from you. Please take the time to bring issues that are important to you to these people. Use the phone, E-mail, State web site, Newsletter or smoke signal to get your concerns in front of us. Your Board generally meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month. If you are interested in attending, you are most welcome. Please contact Barbara Mikel or myself for the exact time and location.

I wish you all continued success as we head into the heat of summer and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.



OFFICE NOTES

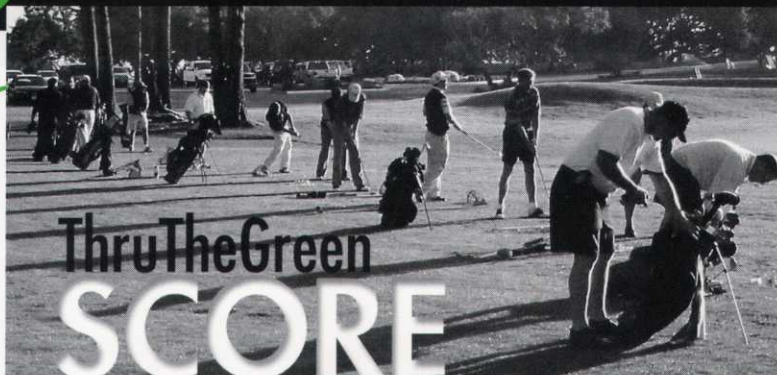
Barb Mikel,
GCSANC Association Manager

July marks a change in Association procedures for circulation of job postcard/notices. You will soon receive a postcard (to return to the office) indicating your preferred method of receiving job notices, fax or E-mail. This postcard will show the current fax and E-mail we have for you in our Association database. Corrections should be made to these postcards so you are sure to receive timely job information. It has been a busy season, with lots of position changes in the industry. Make sure you update your information!

I get many telephone calls requesting job information. Job posting circulation is not provided to non-members. GCSANC DOES NOT circulate or sell membership directory information or provide any mailing, telephone or media information outside of Association membership. Your E-mail and fax numbers will be used in house to forward this information to you.

GCSANC isn't the only golf related organization making major shifts to the electronic media. The NCGA will be instituting a paperless course handicapping and reporting system. GCSANC will be participating upon receipt of the necessary software. What does this mean to you? Coming sometime this fall, the NCGA will provide monthly reports of your Handicap Index via E-mail for those requesting the service. The report details your up to date scoring record and current handicap index. The report will include current NCGA news, schedules, instructions tips etc. More to come on this feature once we have received and implemented the software.

For info. E-mail Barb Mikel at:
gcsanc@e-easi.net



ThruTheGreen SCORE BOARD

2003 California GCSA/John Deere Golf Championship Bayonet G.C.

Superintendent Low Gross:

1 st Place Supt. Low Gross:	Sam Williamson, CGCS	Points: 33
2 nd Place Supt. Low Gross:	Mike Stieler	Points: 32
3 rd Place Supt. Low Gross:	Scott Lewis	Points: 31
4 th Place Supt. Low Gross:	Michael Goldsberry	Points: 30
5 th Place Supt. Low Gross:	David Hayes	Points: 27*

[Card Playoff]

Affiliate Low Gross:

1 st Place Affiliate Low Gross:	Sam Vance	Points: 34
2 nd Place Affiliate Low Gross:	Cory Niehaus	Points: 31
3 rd Place Affiliate Low Gross:	Dante Hernandez	Points: 29
4 th Place Affiliate Low Gross:	Rex Gentry	Points: 28
5 th Place Affiliate Low Gross:	Mark Cantrell	Points: 25

Superintendent Low Net:

1 st Place	Bruce Williams, CGCS	Points: +5
2 nd Place	Pat Shannon <i>Bayonet G.C. Gift Certificate \$125.00</i>	Points: +3
3 rd Place	Tom Nadeau <i>Bayonet G.C. Gift Certificate \$ 75.00</i>	Points: +2
4 th Place	John Pina <i>Bayonet G.C. Gift Certificate \$ 50.00</i>	Points: 0
5 th Place	Brian Ramsey <i>Bayonet G.C. Gift Certificate \$ 25.00</i>	Points: -1

Affiliate Low Net:

1 st Place	Cordie Morgan	Points: +6
2 nd Place	Jim "Speedy" Lipari	Points: +3
3 rd Place	Brian Hurley	Points: +1
4 th Place	Bill Culbertson	Points: 0
5 th Place	Greg Naffz	Points: 0

Skill & Accuracy:

Closest to Pin: Hole # 6	Colby Gunsch
Closest to Pin: Hole # 8	Mike Ligon
Closest to Pin: Hole # 14	Mike Stieler
Closest to Pin: Hole # 17	Tim Powers
Longest Drive:	Mike Stieler
Accuracy Drive:	Mulkh Raj

Skins Game Winners:

Eagle	Hole # 1	Rex Gentry
Birdie	Hole # 6	Sam Vance
Birdie	Hole # 11	Dante Hernandez
Birdie	Hole # 14	Mike Goldsberry



John Pina

La Rinconada Country Club

PROFILE

Position: Golf Course Superintendent

Years in the Golf Business: 9

Previous Employment:

Assistant Supt. at Sharon Heights Golf & CC

Education:

- BS in Agribusiness Management
Cal Poly SLO
- 2-Year Turf Science Certificate
Rutgers University

GCSANC Work or Interests:

Hosting the Assistant's Meeting, looking forward to serving the association as a board member

Other Organizations:

National Rifle Association

Family: Wife, Tracy

Interests Outside of Golf:

Flyfishing, 49ers and Giants

Favorite Vacation: Getting away to Hawaii

Favorite Course to Play:

The Meadow Club

Course You'd Like to Visit:

The Old Course at St. Andrews

Strangest Thing You've Witnessed

On The Golf Course:

The funniest thing was when a buddy teed off and accidentally hit the white tee block ten yards ahead. The ball came zooming back and hit him in the shin.

What You'd Be Doing If You Weren't Involved With Golf:

Working in the family wine business in the Napa Valley



Our Host For The GCSANC's Assistant Superintendent Meeting

La Rinconada

July 28, 2003

Located on approximately 125 acres of rolling hills in the heart of Los Gatos, La Rinconada Country Club can boast one of the most beautiful settings in the Santa Clara Valley. The Club overlooks the valley from the western foothills to the Santa Cruz Mountains.

The idea for building this full eighteen-hole course took shape in the late twenties and, due to the dedicated efforts of a small group of men, culminated in the dedication of the golf course in 1929. This event was reported in the Sunday, June 2, 1929 issue of the San Jose Mercury Herald. A copy of this issue is preserved and displayed in the Clubhouse. It shows pictures of the original clubhouse and a partial view of the golf course. It describes the setting as one of the finest locations that could be found for a golf course.

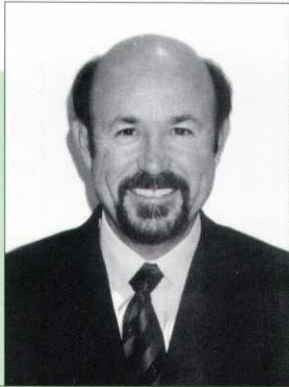
The Club and course were dedicated by Senator Sanborn Young, one of the original Club members. Other founding members included W.C. Sprague, W.B. Maxwell, Wendell C. Thomas, I.D. Mable, J.W. Higgenbotham, A.P. Giannini and James D. Bacigalupi. Former Pro Phil Jefferson was instrumental in building and maintaining the course in the early days. World War II brought the Club to the brink of bankruptcy. After the war it was sold to Sol J. Leider, the golfing dentist who did so much for golf in this area. On November 7, 1952, he was persuaded to lease the land back to a group of area residents for a period of 99 years and the Club was reborn in its present form.

The golf course at La Rinconada plays 6,300 yards with a rating of 70.5 and a slope of 126 for the men. For our lady players the course plays 5,600 yards with a rating of 71.4 and a slope of 124. The course is true to its vintage with tree lined fairways and small undulating greens surrounded by a plethora of bunkers. Tees and greens were placed close together making the course a joy to walk. We are also most proud of our newly renovated practice area. The grass tee driving range at La Rinconada Country Club is hands down the best in the valley.



Keith Beamer
Assistant GC Superintendent

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Don Naumann
Sierra Pacific Turf Supply

NAUMANN'S NORCAL NEWS

Gary Fenske is the new Superintendent at Emerald Hills Golf Course in Redwood City. Gary was the Assistant Superintendent at La Rinconada CC prior to his move. He is replacing **Jim Irvine** who left for personal reasons but will continue his hard work on the GCSANC Board....

Mark Licon has left the Bridges at Gale Ranch in San Ramon and is now the Superintendent at Bear Creek G & CC in Temecula (So. Cal.) Replacing Mark is his Assistant **Tim Youngberg**...

....**Mike Souza** is replacing the retiring **Jorge Bartolomeu** at Richmond G & CC in Richmond. Mike has been the Assistant at The Course at Wente Vineyards under **Jeff Shafer** prior to his move....

Josh Heersink has left the Presidio Golf Club in San Francisco for personal reasons. His replacement has yet to be named....

Metropolitan Golf Course in Oakland opened in May with great fanfare. Superintendent **Gary Ingram** had the place shining. Metropolitan was built on the site of the old Lew Galbraith GC....

Murray Nonhof has left Coyote Creek Golf Course in San Jose. With his departure there has been a reshuffling of the positions and now the new Director of Golf Course Maintenance Operations is **Ken Schwark**. Ken has been in Wisconsin since leaving Roddy Ranch GC. The new Supt at Coyote Creek is **Mike Higuera Jr.**. Mike was the assistant prior to his promotion....

Recently a Memorial Golf Tournament was held by friends of Sam Singh. Sam was the Superintendent at Tilden Park GC in Berkeley where the tournament was held. During his long career, he was also the Superintendent at Mountain Shadows GC in Rohnert Park and was a Regional Superintendent for American Golf Corporation....He will be missed.....

Bert Graves Scholarship & Research Tournament

August 11, 2003

EAGLE RIDGE
GOLF CLUB

Superintendent Profile

Brian McCrae

Eagle Ridge Golf Course

Position: Golf Course Superintendent

Years in the Golf Business: 6

Previous Employment: Self-employed Landscape Construction & Maintenance

Education: Plant Science major, UC Davis; NCGA Supt. Intern

GCSANC Work or Interests: I'm interested in serving on the Board in the future.

Other Organizations: Youth football and baseball

Family: Married to wife Robin, sons Kevin (13) and Matthew (8)

Interests Outside of Golf: Family, friends, model trains

Favorite Vacation: Cancun, Mexico

Favorite Course to Play: Spyglass Hill

Course You'd Like to Visit: Bandon Dunes

Strangest Thing You've Witnessed On The Golf Course:

A golfer played his shot from where his ball ended up, in the back of my cart!

What You'd Be Doing If You Weren't Involved With Golf: Digging holes and filling them back up! (Landscaping)



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Pat Finlen to Chair GCSAA Headquarters Location Resource Group

After putting the issue of GCSAA headquarters location on hold, the study will reconvene with a change in the process according to GCSAA President Jon D. Maddern, CGCS.

The study will be based on the same model that was used in recent years to study and implement the Chapter Affiliation Agreement and the Professional Development Initiative. As part of this process, an independent resource group composed of GCSAA members has been created to study all relevant issues regarding relocation. The Headquarters Location Resource Group will have administrative support and operate under broad oversight, but will have appropriate autonomy with which to act. Its first meeting will be June 1 in Chicago with GCSAA officers and relocation consultant FPL and Associates. Pat Finlen, CGCS of the Olympic Club will chair the group that also includes another GCSANC member, Ray Davies, CGCS of CourseCo.

"As a board, we were and are convinced that it is proper to study the most appropriate location for GCSAA's headquarters," Maddern said. "However, it is clear that our original course of action required amending. This new structure will allow for a more deliberative study."

The issue of relocation was put on "pause" at GCSAA's conference and show in Atlanta when the bylaws amendment changing the principal location of the headquarters was removed from the ballot.

In addition to the independent resource group, the new process will include:

1. The resource group will evaluate all actions taken to date, including a review of the initial and second-stage data collection by FPL and Associates. The group may request additional studies to be conducted to assist in its activities. GCSAA Vice President Mark J. Woodward, CGCS, will serve as the board's liaison as a means to facilitate communication, but he will not be

required to attend or participate in resource group conference calls or meetings.

2. The resource group will present the relocation evaluation process at the Chapter Delegates Meeting Sept. 6-7 at GCSAA headquarters. The resource group will provide updates on the process as deemed necessary.
3. If the resource group supports a member vote on the issue, the earliest a vote could be conducted is at the GCSAA Annual Meeting in February 2005 in Orlando. It has not been established whether a vote on relocation will be taken. It is possible that the resource group will recommend that no vote be taken.

The Headquarters Location Resource Group includes: Pat Finlen, CGCS, chairman; Tom Mason, vice-chairman; Bob Alonzi, CGCS; Ray Davies, CGCS; Kevin Downing, CGCS; Mark Esoda, CGCS; James Fitzroy, CGCS; Keith Ihms, CGCS; Todd Lupkes, CGCS; Sandy Queen, CGCS; and Bob Randquist, CGCS.

Members are encouraged to provide their input on relocation by sending an E-mail to: relocation@gcsaa.org

California CGCSA Update

By Gary K. Carls CGCS

The 2003 CGCSA Annual Meeting was held in Monterey May 18th through the 20th. The new officers for the coming year will be Jessie Creencia CGCS, President, Nancy Dickens CGCS, Vice-President and Pat Finlen CGCS, Secretary/Treasurer. Congratulations also go out to Andy Slack who will be the Northern California affiliate representative on the state board for the next two years. The state association continues to serve superintendents statewide with its research and legislative advocacy efforts.

The Economic Impact Study that has been a major focus of the state association was completed early this year. We all owe a lot of thanks to Jeff Shafer, Jim Husting, CGCS, Corey Eastwood, CGCS and a few others who stayed with this project over the last several years seeing it through completion. On the advice of our legislative advocate George Steffes, we are working to pull out and package some of the information from the survey into a format that makes sense to the average person. This may include things such as how efficiently we use our resources to produce significant revenue within California. Once we have a good package put together we will work on distributing it to the appropriate people. I think we have gained some valuable information that will benefit us all in the future when we are dealing with both the public and the various state and local agencies.

The other tremendous benefit of the Economic Impact Study was that we were able to pull together groups representing all of the various

factions of golf and work together for a common purpose. As financial resources become tighter, it will become even more critical for us to pool our resources and work together. In the Northern California area, the addition of Mike McCullough to the NCGA staff has been great for all of us. In the past few years he has started to create some great training programs for not only the golf course superintendent, but also our assistants and equipment technicians. I hope that in the future the local chapters continue to work with Mike and the NCGA in developing even more educational programs. I think there is also a great opportunity for some cooperative efforts at applied research on local courses that could benefit us all.

George Steffes also continues to remind us that water will be a huge focus in the coming years. In California, as the population continues to grow, the battles for water resources are sure to increase. In the coming years the CGCSA will monitor legislation as it is presented in the state legislature in Sacramento. Hundreds of new bills are introduced each year and we are fortunate to have someone like George working on our behalf in Sacramento. I also urge everyone to join Jim Husting's government relations network so you can keep posted on all of the latest out of Sacramento. Just give Jim a call or send him an e-mail and I'm sure he will be glad to add you to his list.

May 18th thru the 20th, 2003

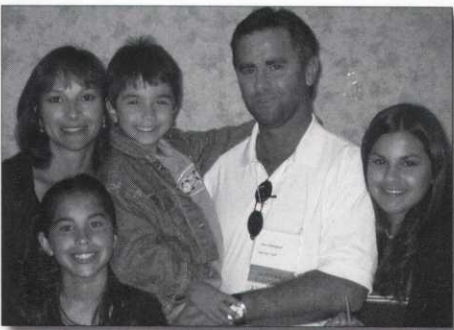
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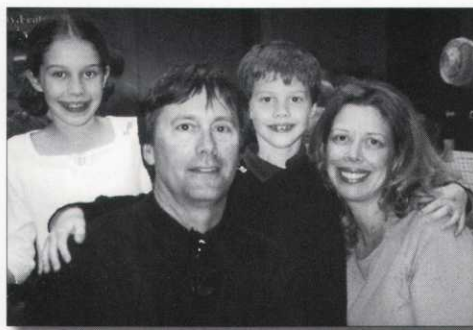
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BAY AQUARIUM

The 2003 CGCSA Annual State Meeting proved to be a great success. Over 220 members and their families turned out to enjoy a wonderful reception at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Great fun and laughter was had by all who attended. The following evening, over 45 vendors displayed their products and services during the table-top trade show. We wish to thank all who participated!



The Holmquist family



The Husting family enjoying their visit to Monterey



The Sedgleys having a good time



Man-Yin Tang & Brian Gaunce of DBD



Peter Herrera, Georgianne & Gary Carls



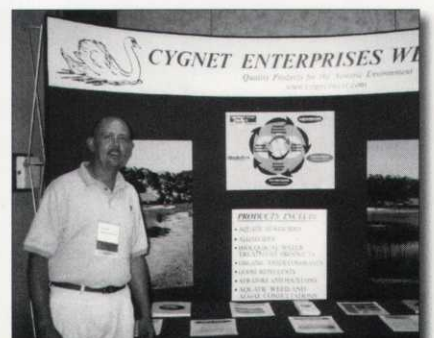
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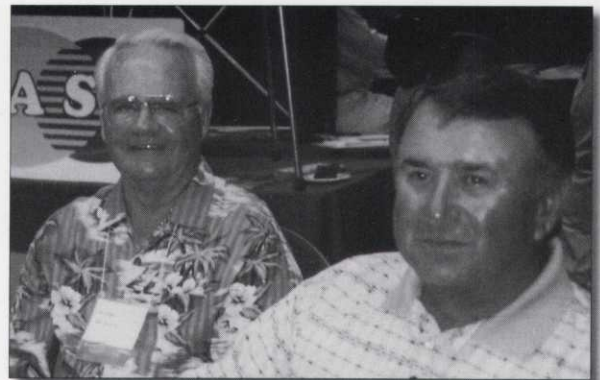
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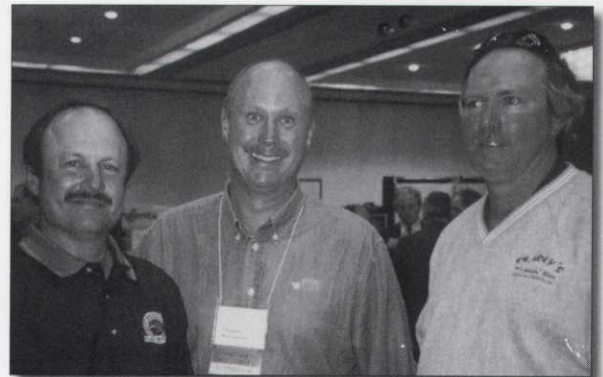
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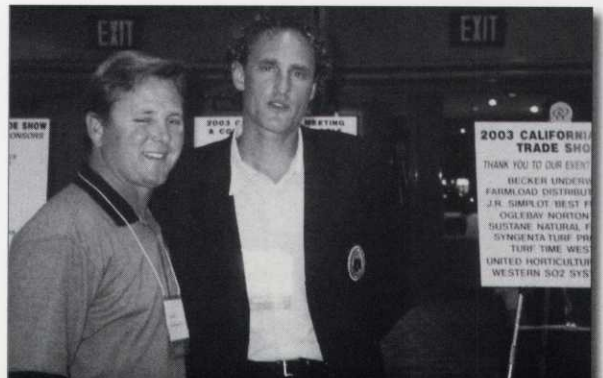
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Gary Ingram, CGCS, Greg Dunn & Tim Powers, CGCS



Mark Mahady, Fred Ekert, Tim Roth and Greg Fernald



Tim Barrier of So. Cal. & BOD member Mike Hill



2003
calendar

July 28

**Assist. Super. Meeting
and Golf Tournament**
La Rinconada CC

August 11

**Bert Graves Scholarship
& Research Tournament**
Eagle Ridge GC

September 11

Staff Appreciation Baseball Game
Oakland A's vs. Angles

October 20

**Joint Meeting with
Sierra Nevada**
Blackhawk CC



Metropolitan Golf Links Field Workshop

The GCSANC visited Metropolitan Golf Links for a Field Workshop in April. We wish to thank our hosts the UCCE, Course Co's... Tom Issaak, Raymond Davies, CGCS and Gary Ingram, CGCS for their insight and expertise in these fields.

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