

GCSANC QUICK PROFILE

Jeff Hardy
Host of the July
GCSANC Meeting

Employer: Laguna Seca Golf Ranch

Position: Golf Course Superintendent

Years in the Golf Business: 19

Previous Employment: Golf Course Supt. at NAS Moffett Field GC

Education: BS degree in Ag Science, CA State Univ. Fresno; working on a 40 unit certificate in Automotive Electronics, Diagnostics, Tune-up and Smog from Hartnell College.

GCSANC Work or Interests: I'm involved with the Anguina Field Research Golf Course Working Group by contributing weekly data pertaining to *Anguina pacifica* outbreaks, monthly nematode sampling, and attending group meetings.

Other Organizations: National Multiple Sclerosis Society – Silicon Valley Chapter.

Family: Wife Holly, Maine Coon cat named Rosie, Long-Haired Chihuahua dog named Pancho.

Interests Outside of Golf: I'm a "car head." I enjoy working on automobiles, especially on my 1980 Anniversary Edition 280 ZX (my baby!) I also have a personal goal of earning all eight Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certifications in Automobile Repair. I presently possess patches in Engine Repair, Brakes, Electrical, Air Conditioning, and Engine Performance.

Favorite Vacation: Wherever the GCSAA conferences are held (as long as my employer pays for it!) Actually, my wife and I love to visit the bucolic Point Reyes, CA area.

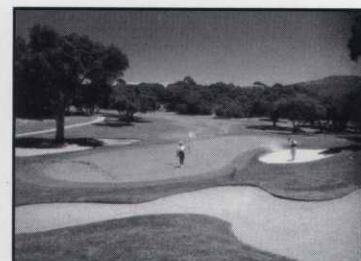
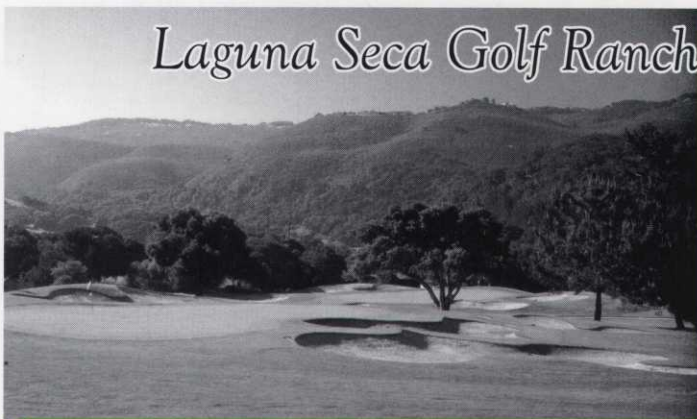
Favorite Course to Play: I enjoy playing Contra Costa CC in Pleasant Hill because it brings back fond memories of when the membership there begrudgingly let my 1970's high school team consider it our "home course" and play on Mondays during the springtime.

Course You'd Like to Visit: I'd love to visit the Coeur D'Alene Resort Golf Course in Idaho as long as they let play with the controls on hole #14 (the floating green!)

Strangest Thing You've Witnessed On The Golf Course: A golfer once gave me a compliment on the condition of the golf course at the end of one summer then followed it by launching into a litany of complaints.

What You'd Be Doing If You Weren't Involved With Golf: I'd be employed as a smog technician.

Laguna Seca Golf Ranch



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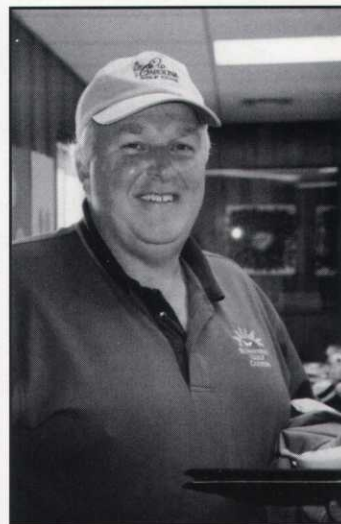
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GSCSANC Member Brian Bagley of the Villages Golf & CC takes a moment out for a photo with PGA Professional Tim Flanagan, also from the Villages G & CC. Both Brian and Tim were recently on Voice of the Valley Television talking

about a variety of topics from turfcare maintenance to ball mark repair. They also shared information on charity events at their club including the recent Arnie's Army Battle Against Prostate Cancer, where over \$2500 was raised for prostate cancer research. Anyone interested in getting involved with this worthy cause can find out more by calling (866) 586-5585.



He may be a new national director for the GCSAA, but that has not stopped Gary Carls of the City of Sunnyvale from learning all he can about the industry. Carls was on hand recently for the GCSANC Field Day at Harding Golf Course in San Francisco, California

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2004 Golf Course Construction Field Day Held at San Francisco's Renowned Harding Park

Golf course management professionals from Northern California and throughout the state gathered on Monday, April 26th at San Francisco's Harding Park Golf Course for an in depth examination of the recently renovated property. Harding Park is but one of the jewels in the crown of the "City by the Bay's" covey of six golf properties.

Sponsored by the University of California Extension Service and the Northern California Golf Superintendents Association, the Field Day began with an early morning tour of the famous site located on the micro isthmus that juts across Lake Merced. Attendees were able to view course attributes first hand including design, irrigation, greens, plant management and nuances of the new maintenance facility currently under construction.

While its neighbors of equally recognized distinction, though exclusively private clubs, that surround San Francisco's natural lake have aged like fine wines, Harding's luster became somewhat tarnished over the years. With the efforts of many and the determination of one person particularly, the gleam has returned as bright as ever.

Frank "Sandy" Tatum has been that singularly determined force behind the project. An accomplished amateur player, 1942 NCAA national champion from Stanford and a past USGA president, Tatum served as the keynote speaker for the conference portion of the workshop. He provided the attendees with his usually insightful wisdom on the Game of Golf while giving an intimate recollection of the harrowing trials of finding the necessary funding and approvals for the 16 million dollar renovation project.

Tatum confessed that his driving

motivation was to give back to the Game and to restore Harding Park to such a degree "...that the ordinary golfer could have an affordable opportunity to play a course of National Championship caliber." His parting comments particularly delighted the many superintendents present when, in response to an audience question, he professorially noted that, "Greenkeeping is the fundamental foundation of golf." He had earlier indicated that one of the pressures that the game's superintendents face today is to, "Resist the constant effort to increase the speed of greens." No doubt he was preaching to the choir with his audience.

Following Tatum the key experts involved in Harding's renovation provided presentations including: Leslie Claytor, PGA Tour Project Manager; Neil Oettinger, Landscapes Unlimited Construction Superintendent; Dan Briesach, City of San Francisco Golf Course Superintendent; Sean Sweeney, City of San Francisco Director of Golf; Patrick Gross, USGA Green Section Southwestern Director; and Dan McKenna, City of San Francisco Superintendent of Recreation and Parks.

Les Claytor provided a solid overview on a variety of topics including a glimpse of the "original" Harding, clearing, demolition, shaping, course construction, finish and grassing, grow-in, and lastly the ultimate finished product. Claytor emphasized many of the PGA Tour



design team goals and noted, "One of our key goals was to establish Harding's 18th hole as one of the greatest finishing holes in golf.

Neil Oettinger with Landscapes Unlimited (*Kubly Construction*) addressed working with the design team, the importance of the liaison relationship with the client, the challenges of retrofitting drainage and working with a "grow-in" team concurrently with the permanent staff.

The panel of Dan Briesach, Sean Sweeney and Pat Gross reviewed the agronomic challenges and maintenance issues encountered during the construction.

Park Superintendent Dan McKenna summarized the current status of Harding Park, detailed the business operations of Harding and reviewed Harding's future directions including the soon to be announced planned national championship events.

GCSANC members Dan Briesach and Sean Sweeney hosted the event that was directed by University of California Cooperative Extension Environmental Horticulture Advisor Ali Harivandi, Ph.D.

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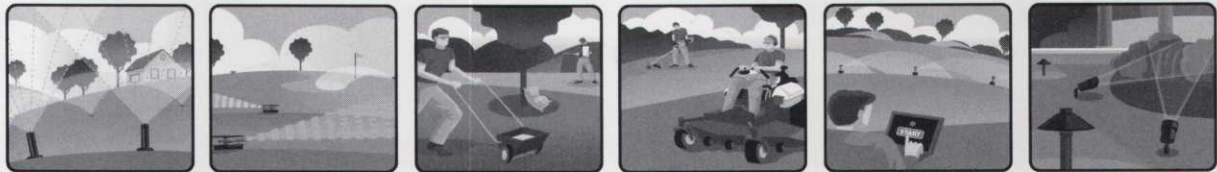
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