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Chuck Talley of Turf Star with Mike Garvale, CGCS talking strategy at Orinda CC.

(Right) Gary Skolnik going lefty at Orinda

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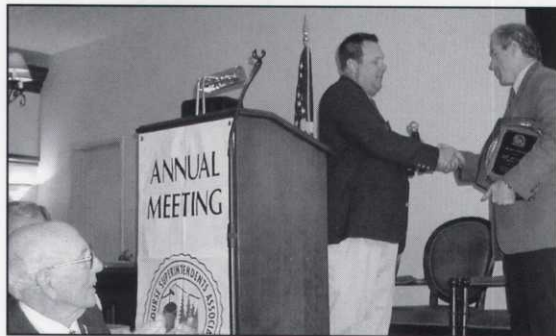
GCSANC Elects Officers

By Ken Williams, CGCS

The GCSANC recently elected its 2004 Officers and Board of Directors at their Annual Meeting at Orinda Country Club. Elected President was Pat Finlen, CGCS of The Olympic Club. Elected Vice-President was Vince Keats of Napa Valley CC. Elected Secretary-Treasurer was Michael Hill, of Moffett Field GC. Bob Lopic of Orinda CC stays on, serving as the immediate Past-President.

Elected to two-year Director terms were Jason Green of San Jose CC and Gill Stiles of Santa Rosa Golf and CC. Appointed to a one-year Director's term was Chris Dubas of Santa Teresa Golf Club. Terry Grasso of Sequoyah CC remains on the Board, serving the second year of his two-year term.

The Affiliates also elected a new Board Representative. Len Tallow of Lawson Products was elected to fill the spot vacated by the departure of Andy Slack. Andy spent three years on the board. Greg Fernald of Target Specialty Products remains on the board, serving the second year of his two-year term.



Pat Finlen of the Olympic Club kindly thanks Jeff Shafer for being honored as the GCSANC Golf Course Superintendent of the Year.



Pat Finlen and staff wave hello from the Olympic Club.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Pat Finlen, CGCS
Olympic Club

Thank you for the honor of serving your association as President for the coming year. There will be many issues to discuss and resolve during this year.

I, along with the rest of the Board of Directors, will do our best to run the association in a professional manner, displaying integrity and respect for all of our members.

While we all face many challenges with our jobs, it is comforting to know that we have an outstanding association there to serve us. The GCSANC has benefited its members for many years in a variety of outstanding ways. We have many talented members of the association who have a wealth of knowledge on many issues who have shared their experiences and thoughts. Whether it is golf during a monthly meeting or one of the educational sessions offered by the association throughout the year, the opportunity is there for you to participate in whatever manner and level you choose. I have no doubt that at whatever level you participate within the association, you will be happy with what you get back.

With the rapid changes that have been made in our industry during the past ten years and the ever-changing economy, there is the need for long-term planning for our association. During this year, the Board of Directors, with the help of several Past Presidents, will meet to develop long-term goals for the association. It is my belief that these long-term goals will enable us to continue to be a fiscally responsive organization that offers as many educational and professional opportunities as possible for our members.

We have many wonderful affiliate members who sponsor our monthly events. Take the time to thank them for their participation and sponsorship. Without their help, much of what we are able to enjoy would not be available. Again, I invite you to participate and enjoy what your association has to offer. We welcome your comments (positive or negative), and I look forward to seeing each and every one of you during the year.

Pat

Strictly Business



OFFICE NOTES

Barb Mikel,
GCSANC Association Manager

San Diego was great! Hopefully, the GCSAA Convention and Show will return more frequently to this venue. I was only there Wednesday and Thursday, returning to the "hills" of El Dorado County Friday. Fortunately, we (Wayne and I) had excellent flying weather both directions. It isn't often you can fly from El Dorado County direct to San Diego County with clear skies and a tailwind in both directions. The Los Angeles basin was clear due to winds the previous few days so we could see the entire area. The only green belts in that area are so obvious you can clearly see they are either large golf courses or large cemeteries. I have always wondered what the migratory birds do in those areas, so the opportunity to speak with both Joellen Zeh of Audubon International and Dave Weineke of the USGA gave me some answers. The need for Audubon Sanctuaries is obvious for the southern part of the state. The Northern California regions have large migratory habitat in the north & central valley thanks to the efforts of Fish & Game, National Wife Federation, Central Valley Farmers and groups like Ducks Unlimited. But not all the migratory routes are down the central valley. For more information about the program the USGA Web site www.usga.org or Audubon International www.audubonint.org are two very usefully tools for the Cooperative Sanctuary System.

The Chapter Managers session was held in San Diego on Thursday. This is a great opportunity to meet other chapter executives and GCSAA staff. PDI implementation, External Education, and Membership issues were the highlighted topics. An afternoon Career Form was so popular it was "standing room only." Actually, people were even standing outside the room. This seminar needs a larger venue next year. The California Hospitality Suite capped Thursday night with a HUGE crowd from the all across the Golden State.

Special congratulations go out to Gary Carls, CGCS who now sits on another Board of Directors, the national GCSAA. Having worked with Gary for many years on the local Board, I have absolutely no doubt the job will be "well done" in Kansas. Congratulations also go out to Sean A. Hoolehan, CGCS elected Secretary/Treasurer as well as Mark Woodward, CGCS, President.

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SUPER PROFILE

Dan P. Briesach,
Golf Course Superintendent

City & County of San Francisco,
Recreation & Park Department

Employer: City and County of San Francisco,
Recreation & Park Dept.

Position: Golf Course Superintendent

Years in the Golf Business: Eleven

Previous Employment: Baseball Diamonds,
Soccer Fields, Open Space, Pool Halls

Education: Horticulture Certificate, CCSF

GCSANC Work or Interests: Visiting/Playing
other golf courses

Other Organizations: ISA Certified Arborist,
Eureka Valley and Friends Benevolent Society

Family: Wife, two daughters, one
granddaughter

Interests Outside of Golf: I can't remember,
it has been so long.....

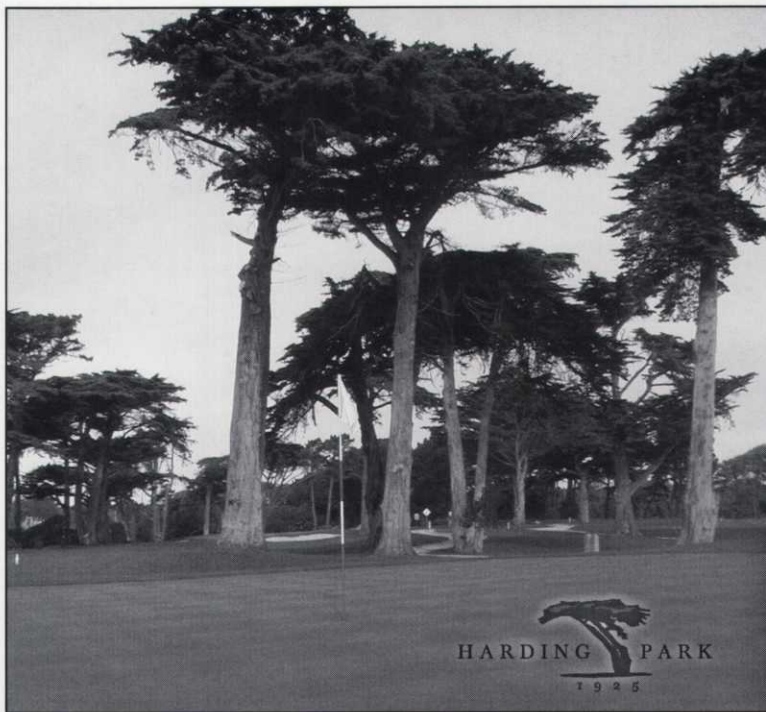
Favorite Vacation: Any beach!

Favorite Course to Play: Sharp Park

Course You'd Like to Visit: Stanford.....

**Strangest Thing You've Witnessed On The
Golf Course:** A Cypress tree wearing a bra...

**What You'd Be Doing If You Weren't
Involved With Golf:** Sleeping Late!



Harding Park's signature hole, number 16, is watched over by giant cypress trees that stand at attention as if to pay tribute to each player."

The City and County of San Francisco has 6 municipal golf courses under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Parks Department, one being Harding Park. Harding Park Golf Course (18 hole) and Fleming (9 hole) Golf Courses are located at Skyline Blvd. and Harding Road in San Francisco.

Harding Park was designed by Willie Watson and opened in 1930. The course is bordered on three sides by Lake Merced, offering several scenic views of the surrounding area. This championship tournament course is on slightly rolling grounds and moderately forested with mature cypress and pine trees. Harding Park is one of the City-owned courses which hosts the annual San Francisco City Golf Championship, one of the oldest running amateur golf events in the country. Harding Park has also played host to numerous professional golf tournaments over its long history.

Long recognized as one of the hidden gems in the golfing world, Harding Park Golf Course has recently undergone an extensive improvement process to elevate its layout to world-class standards. Harding opened its doors to rave reviews. Harding Park is "A Celebration of San Francisco's Municipal Golf."

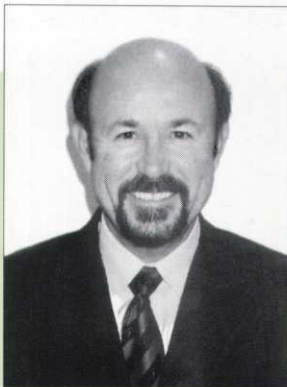
City of San Francisco officials, the PGA Tour and the general golfing public eagerly anticipated the new and improved course. Without the support from the former Mayor Willie Brown, Recreation and Park Department General Manager Elizabeth Goldstein and former USGA President Frank D. "Sandy" Tatum, Harding's transformation might never have taken place. Key elements in the restoration were to maintain the character and integrity of the golf course while enhancing its original design.

Harding Park Golf Course is located near the Pacific Coast along the shores of Lake Merced, near scenic Skyline Boulevard and the renowned San Francisco Zoo. Originally constructed in 1925, the majestic, cypress-lined Harding has played host to numerous professional tours such as The Lucky Invitational as well the popular San Francisco City amateur tournaments over the years. It remains the choice of locals and visitors alike.

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NAUMANN'S NORCAL NEWS

Bernis Holloway is the new superintendent at Roddy Ranch GC in Antioch. He was the assistant under **Ryan Zuelsdorf** before his promotion....

Steve Byrne is the new superintendent at Mira Vista CC in El Cerrito. He replaces the retiring **Frank Barberio**. Steve was the assistant at Diablo CC in Danville and was working with **Todd Lyjinen** before his move....

Luis Ballesteros has accepted the superintendent position at Moraga CC. He was the assistant under **Matt Dunmeyer** prior to Matt's departure to Sonoma GC.....

Perry Tarsitano is the new superintendent at Coyote Creek GC in south San Jose. He will be working with the Director of Maintenance Operations, **Ken Schwark**. Perry was the assistant at Pasadera CC in Monterey before moving to his new position. He is replacing **Mike Higuera Jr.** who has moved on to The Ranch at Silver Creek, a new golf course development in San Jose owned by Lyon Homes....

Dave Davies, CGCS is the new superintendent at Callippe Preserve Golf Course in Pleasanton. This is a new course owned by the City Of Pleasanton and managed by CourseCo.



Becky, Don and their lovely daughter Elizabeth



Don accepts the International Seeds Award as "Man Of The Year."



Industry leaders gathered again in Monterey, CA, to discuss important issues relating to water. California Allied Golf Task Force Members include: (Left to Right) Andy Slack-GCSANC, Gary Carls-GCSAA, Jim Husting-CGSA, Denny Davenport-NCGA, Nancy Maul-EWGA, Bob Costa-GCSANC, Bill Aragona-GCOA, Mike McCullough-NCGA & GCSANC, Ted Horton- GCOA, Paul Porter-NCGA, George Steffes-Golf Industry Advocate, and Carol Pence-LPGA & PGA.

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2004 California GCSA Annual Conference & CGCSA/John Deere Golf Championship “Environmental Stewardship” May 16-18, 2004

Sunday, May 16th, 4:30 pm. to 6:00 pm.

Hyatt Valencia Hotel • Meeting Registration Check-In

Sunday, May 16th, 6:00 pm. to 9:00 pm.

Welcome Reception, Hawaiian Luau

Hyatt Valencia Hotel • Casual dress, Hawaiian Shirt

Monday, May 17th, 6:00 am. to 5:00 pm.

Education Conference

Hyatt Valencia Hotel

6:15-7:15 am : Education Conference Registration

6:15-7:15 am : Continental Breakfast

7:15-7:45 am : CGCSA Annual Business Meeting

7:45-5:00 pm : Education Conference

Table Top Trade Show: 6:00 pm. to 8:30 pm.

Hors d'oeuvres & Trade Show

Trade Show location: Valencia Ballroom

Trade Show Setup time: 4:00 pm.

Tuesday, May 18th, 6:30 am. to 2:30 p.m.

2004 CGCSA/John Deere Golf Championship Robinson Ranch Golf Club, Valley Course

6:30-7:30 am. : Golf Check-In

6:30-7:30 am. : Continental Breakfast

8:00 am. : Shotgun Start

2:00 pm. : Buffet Lunch & Golf Awards

Please send payment with registration form by May 3, 2004

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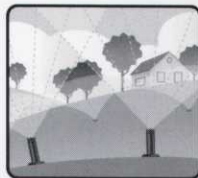
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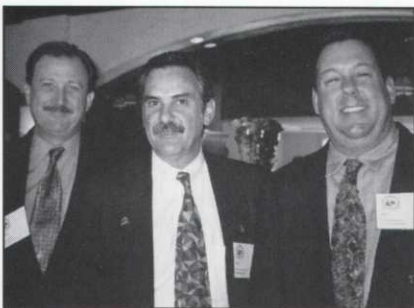
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(1 Left to Right) 2003 Annual Award Recipients: Nick Checklenis, Brian Gauce, Pat Finlen, Tom Bevan and Brian Bagley
 (2 Left to Right) 2003 Host Superintendents: Mike Nunemacher, Tom Bevan, Gary Ingrams, Brian McCrae, Denis Kerr and Jeff Shafer
 (3 Left to Right) 25 Year Pin: Joe Rodriguez, Randy Gai, Mike Ginelli and Bob Lopic



(Left to Right) 2003 Annual Award Meeting, Orinda CC: 2003 President, Bob Lopic address a long list of accomplishments in 2003. Key speakers: Cliff Wagoner, Dave Davies and Vince Keats.
Orinda CC Dining Room: Lunch was served to perfection, thanks to everyone who accommodated the GCSANC in Orinda.
Past Presidents Unite: Good conversation and a couple of laughs.



(Left to Right) Brian Bagley, Bob Costa and Jeff Shafer looking sharp.
 Myrtle Wagoner being recognized at the Annual Meeting.

Orinda CC - Golf Tournament: Rod Kilcoyne and Ken Schwark. Mike Nunemacher looks perturbed as he rolls a putt.



Golf Writings Column



Barb & Wayne Mikel enjoy the Writers Dinner-Inn at Spanish Bay



PJ Spellman II, Pat Finlen, Don Naumann, Bob Lopic and Terry Grasso



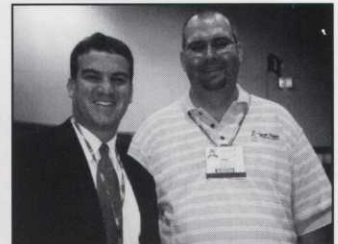
Speedy's card antics



DBD Booth



Randy Gai & Terry Grasso



Kipp with Toro & Andy Slack



Dave Mastroleo & Brian Bagley



Greg Jetter, friend & Chris Mains



Jim Husting, CGCS



Mark Kuhns and Gary Carls



2004 California Hospitality Suite

February 12th 2004 at Dick's Last Resort in San Diego



Paul Cushing & Thomas Bastis



Speedy's stand-up routine



The NorCal boys hamming it up



The Wagoners and The Hortons



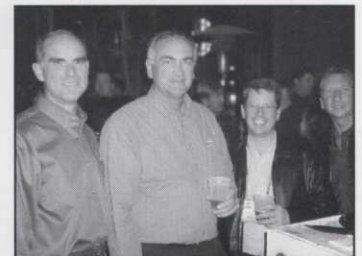
NorCal bunch: Mike, Jason, PJ, Barb, Terry, Randy & Tom



Brad, John, David, Ray and gang.



Brett & Karen Staples



The DBD crew having fun

Events



April 26

**2004 Superintendent
Workshop**
Harding Park Golf Course

May 16-18

State Superintendent Meeting
Valencia, CA

June 7

**2004 Superintendent-Pro
Invitational**
Silver Creek Valley CC

July 15

Assistant Superintendent Meeting
Laguna Seca GC

GCSANC Field Workshop

Monday April 26, 2004

Harding Park GC • San Francisco, CA

Please mark your calendars for April 26th as the GCSANC visits San Francisco and the newly remodeled Harding Park GC. This should be a rewarding educational event. Attendees will learn firsthand how this important renovation was planned and completed. Due to the difficulty of obtaining tee times, golf will be allotted to 12 players thru a Lottery Drawing.

7:00 am: Registration & Continental Breakfast 12:00 pm: Lunch

7:30 am: Our of the Golf Course Projects 1:00 pm: Golf Lottery

9:30 am: Introductions & Seminar Presentations
The Harding GC historical redesign
Construction Phase
Maintenance Considerations
Challenges and the Future at Harding Park

*Please plan on joining us at
Harding Park!*

UC Extension Offers Turfgrass IPM Course

The University of California Extension, Davis, CA is offering this one-day course, which will focus on issues related to environmentally sound integrated turfgrass pest management. It should be of special interest to golf course superintendents, parks and recreation site managers, horticulture consultants, and other professional turf and landscape managers. Pending educational credit will be issued as follows:

- Six hours of CA Dept of Pesticide Regulation,
- 0.6 hours of GCSAA CEUs
- 6 hours of Certified Crop Advisors (CCA)
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