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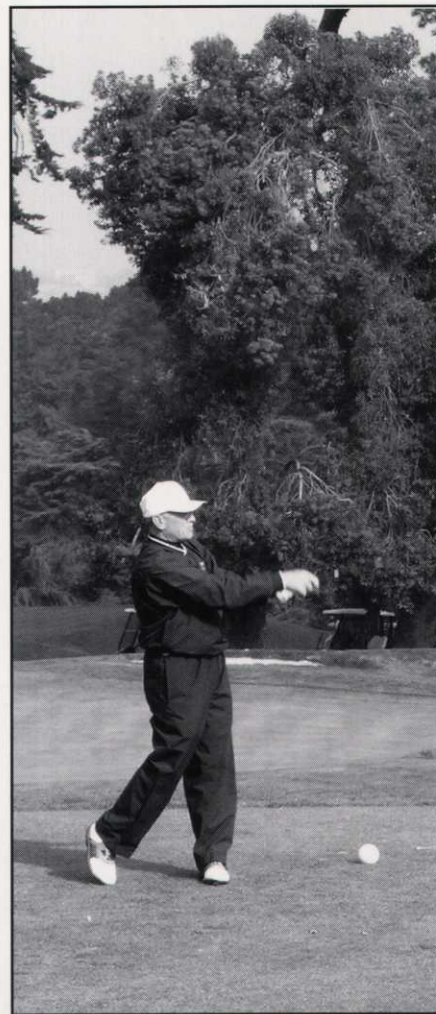
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Greetings!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as President. I am looking forward to a great year with a Board of new directors and seasoned veteran officers. Fresh ideas and enthusiasm will abound! A big thank you is due to our outgoing board members. An outstanding job was done by all.

Pressing On...

The Strategic Plan will continue to be an area of focus for this year. Spearheaded by past President Pat Finlen, the strategic plan will guide this association for the next five years and beyond. The goal of this plan is to help the association continue to serve our members. Five areas this plan will focus on are: increasing member involvement, promoting our profession, maintaining a financially secure chapter, continuing to develop the scholarship / research program and improving communication with the membership. Stay tuned for progress reports.

Coming Up

Monday March 21 is the annual NCGA / USGA Green Section meeting on Monday, March 21, at Castlewood C.C. Traditionally this meeting has offered an excellent education program. Take advantage of this opportunity to invite your Green Committee Chair, board members or General Manager. Give them a taste of what you need to know to keep their course in pristine condition. Let them see first hand that we are a group of dedicated professionals. You might want to casually mention that there is golf available in the afternoon.

A Rare Privilege...

Thank you Pat Finlen for hosting the annual meeting. Golf at the Olympic Club on the Lake Course was a rare privilege. Course conditions were superb as was the hospitality of the club. Thank you again for being our gracious host.

Lines are Open:

If you have questions, comments or complaints contact me via email: vincekeats@napavalleycc.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Vince Keats, CGCS
Napa Valley Country Club



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Strictly Business



OFFICE NOTES

Barb Mikel,
GCSANC Association Manager

Congratulations and welcome to the incoming GCSANC officers and directors for 2005. I don't think I've have ever had four new board members! I look forward to all that new energy!

GCSANC & the NCGA

The handicapping database for GCSANC members is now resident in the GCSANC office and updates directly via the internet... If you need to establish/transfer/change your NCGA membership data please contact me during business hours. The transfer was done in November 2004 to accomplish the "paperless" handicapping system implemented by the NCGA. You will probably receive a notification of the "last card" provided from the NCGA. Keep good track of it! You need your membership number which appears on the card for score posting. Questions should still be directed to the NCGA since I am by no means in any way a source of accurate information regarding the finer points of golf handicapping!

GCSANC and GCSAA

I have just returned from the GCSAA GOLF INDUSTRY SHOW. It was a great opportunity for me to see the equipment and supply side of the industry as well as attend Affiliated Chapter Managers sessions with association managers from around the country. I really enjoyed the education/ solution centers. GCSANC Media Consultant Emmy Moore-Minister setup a taping session next to the "Building of a Green" section on the trade show floor. I am looking forward to seeing some of the tape sessions done there. Many thanks to Emmy for her tireless efforts to advance and explain the professional functions superintendents bring to the golf industry. Clifford and Myrtle Wagoner celebrated the 50th Conference & Show attendance this year. After walking the Orange Country Convention Center for four days, I can't imagine how the first GCSAA Conference and Show compares to this one. Neither can I imagine how Cliff and Myrtle managed the schedule they have at the conference! Congratulations on the 50th Anniversary.

GCSANC and the California GCSA

If you haven't seen the "new look" to the California GCSA web site I suggest you give it a try www.californiagcsa.org Bob Tillema, CGCS has done a great "remake" of the web site. Congratulations to Patrick R. Finlen, CGCS on his selection as President of the CGCSA. I have no doubts he will bring his considerable talents and service to the industry to the CGCSA. Pat's tireless service to the industry has historical roots in Kansas with Heart of America GCSA. I remember a conversation with Gary K. Carls, CGCS regarding Pat's recruitment to the GCSANC board of directors when Pat was at Bayonet & Black Horse GC.

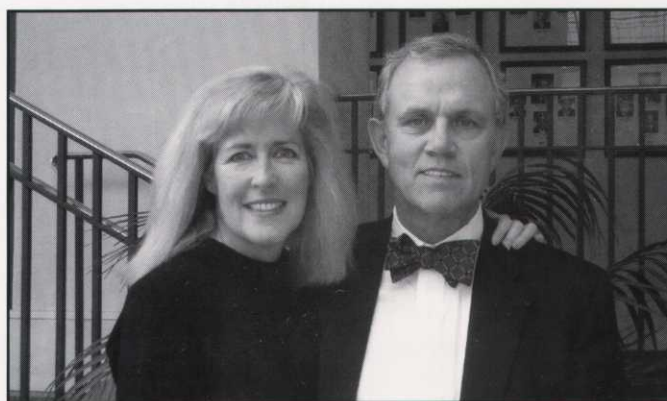
GCSANC & 75 Years

It's not long until 2007. So, you say what's special about that? GCSANC will be 75 years old in 2007. We celebrated the 65th and it's not too early to start planning for a VERY SPECIAL 75TH. Ideas and suggestions welcomed!

FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING



Lou Tonelli, Pat Finlen and Brian Gaunce



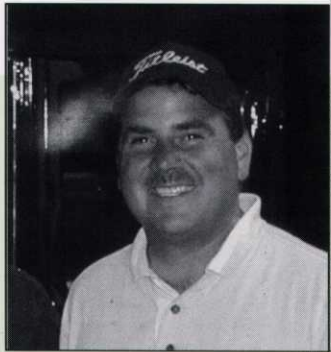
Emmy Moore-Minister and USGA's Ron Read



Myrtle and Cliff



Past Presidents Fischer, Carls, Garrale, Clark, Bagley and Costa



SUPER PROFILE

Mike Nunemacher

Superintendent, Castlewood Country Club

Employer: Castlewood Country Club

Position: Golf Course Superintendent

Years in the Golf Business: 15 years

Previous Employment: Blackhawk Country Club

GCSANC Work or Interests: Past Board Member

Other Organizations: GCSAA, Ducks Unlimited

Family: Wife, Valerie; daughter Lindsay, 4; son Zachary, 3

Interests Outside of Golf: Fishing and Hunting

Favorite Vacation: Cruise with family

Favorite Course to Play: San Francisco Golf Club

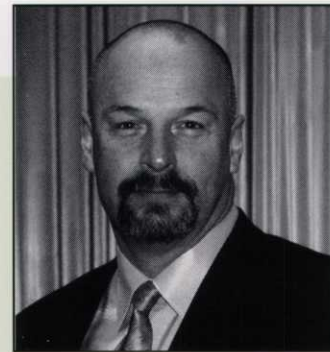
Course You d Like to Visit: Augusta National

Strangest Thing You ve Witnessed On The Golf Course:

Car mistaking a cart path for the road and ending up in the lake.

Worst Comment/Question From a Member: "Can you do something about the frogs in the lake? They re keeping me up at night."

What You d Be Doing If You Weren t Involved With Golf: Fishing tour guide.



SUPER PROFILE

Dave Davies, CGCS

Superintendent, Callippe Preserve Golf Course - CourseCo

Employer: Callippe Preserve Golf Course - CourseCo

Position: Superintendent

Years in the Golf Business: 25 years

Previous Employment: Palo Alto Municipal Golf Course, Dry Creek Ranch Golf Course, Sunol Valley Golf Course, Crystal Springs GC, Saratoga CC, Deep Cliff GC.

Education: AA Degree, Business Administration, De Anza Community College

GCSANC Work or Interests: Board of Directors 1996–2000, President 1998–1999

Family: Wife: Beth (6 1/2 years). Children: Melissa (20), Jessica (19), Matthew (16), Cassidy (11) and the dog, Mika

Interests Outside of Golf: Music and riding motorcycles

Favorite Vacation: Sturgis 2001

Favorite Course to Play: Edgewood at Tahoe

Course You d Like to Visit: Augusta National

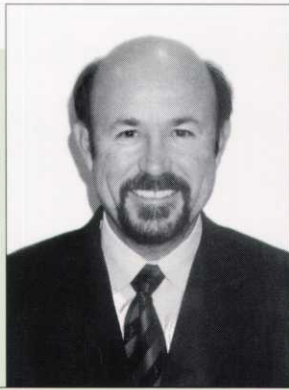
Strangest Thing You ve Witnessed On The Golf Course:

Hopefully a tie will be OK...watching the repossession of three bulldozers and a backhoe from our construction site complete with sidearm-carrying truck drivers. OR...the arrival of two tactical SWAT teams complete with snipers to raid a property next to the golf course

Worst Comment/Question From a Member: The greens are in the worst condition they have ever been in. This coming 5 years after taking over a course that had 15 dead greens.

What You d Be Doing If You Weren t Involved With Golf: Traveling the world performing in a band. I d settle for being a studio session singer, though.

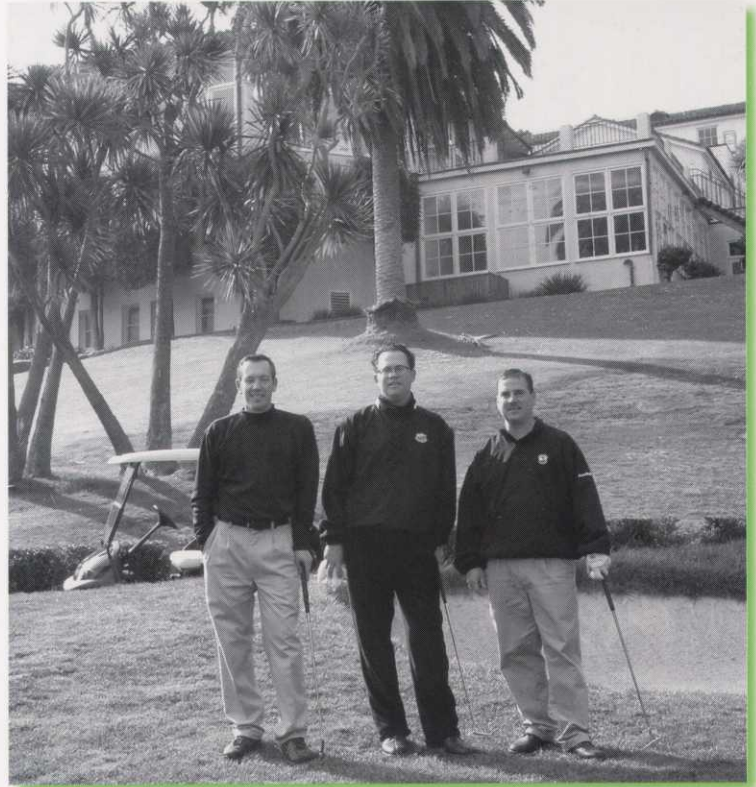
Members Only



NAUMANN'S NORCAL NEWS

Don Naumann
Sierra Pacific Turf Supply

Doug Ayers has accepted the superintendent position at Corral de Tierra CC in Salinas. Doug had been the assistant superintendent to Bob Zoller at Monterey Peninsula G & CC. Doug is replacing P. J. Spellman.....Lake Merced G& CC has been busy as of late. They have just finished completion of a new clubhouse. While doing this, they gave Lou Tonelli his Taj Mahal.....a new maintenance shop. It was moved to a new location so no one has to drive through the golf course to access it. Due to cost constraints, there is no "Salesman Lounge" as was previously planned..... Roddy Ranch GC has been sold to a new group. Bernie Holloway has been and will remain there as superintendent.....Rick Visser from Sierra Pacific Turf Supply was recently named National Serviceman of the Year for Rainbird Golf..... Ryan Zuelsdorf has accepted the superintendent position at Mountain House GC. Mountain House is a new facility in the Altamont Pass.....John Martin at Contra Costa CC is a little warmer these days. He recently completed a renovation of his maintenance shop. In addition to new offices, all equipment is now stored indoors.....



Dale Simpson, Glenn Matthews and Mike Nunemacher



Randy Gai, Joe Daily and Chris Mains



Jeff Shafer, Dave Davies and Clay Wood

The Golf Course Superintendent's Association of Northern California Honors Award Winners for Their Contributions to Golf

By Emmy Moore-Minister

Golf Course Superintendent's Association of Northern California (GCSANC) is pleased to announce its newest Award Winners. These individuals were formally recognized at the GCSANC Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony on January 24th at the Olympic Club in San Francisco, CA. More than 150 association members, industry representatives, and special guests were in attendance.



Award recipients from left to right: Dean Gump, Terry Grasso, Gary Carls, Tim Powers and Greg Fernald

The Superintendent of the Year Award was presented to Terry Grasso, a Class "A" Superintendent at Sequoyah Country Club (Oakland, CA). The highest distinction bestowed upon a golf course superintendent, Grasso receives this award for his ongoing contributions to the association and its members. "I am humbled," states Grasso. "Being considered by my peers for this coveted honor is something I will cherish for years to come."

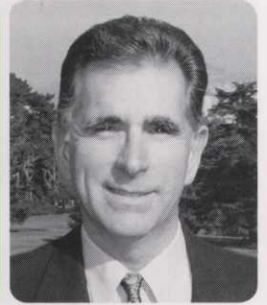
An Oakland native, Grasso just completed his second term on the GCSANC board of directors, a position he took seriously yet enjoyed immensely. In addition, Grasso has served as the GCSANC tournament liaison with the Northern California Golf Association. He supports GCSANC events including scholarship programs for those new to the industry and educational seminars and institutes that benefit the entire membership.

Prior to Sequoyah Country Club, Grasso was the Golf Course & Grounds Superintendent at Burlingame Country Club (Hillsborough, CA), an Assistant Golf Course Superintendent at the Olympic Club (San Francisco, CA), Greenskeeper at Claremont Country Club (Oakland, CA) and an Assistant Golf Professional at Claremont Country Club. He attended Merritt Community College and California State University at Hayward.

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TERRY GRASSO Superintendent of the Year

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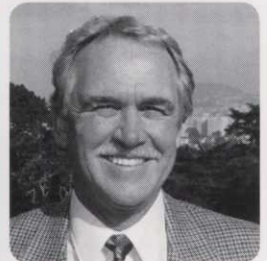
GARY CARLS George Santana Distinguished Service Award

Carls received this honor for his high level of professionalism while also demonstrating a long-standing commitment to the GCSANC and the turf grass industry.



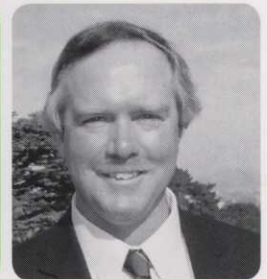
DEAN GUMP Turfgrass Excellence Award, Private Category

Gump's twenty-four year tenure at Pasaatiempo Golf Club has developed superior agronomic skills that translate into healthy agronomic conditions.



TIM POWERS Turfgrass Excellence Award, Public Category

"The improved conditions are a credit to the passion displayed by my staff."



GREG FERNALD Affiliate Merit Award

"I really enjoy working with golf course superintendents" ... "and to receive this award just reminds me of how fortunate I am to be part of the GCSANC, an association that's in the heart of the industry."



THE OLYMPIC CLUB HOSTS THE ANNUAL MEETING



GCSANC ANNUAL AWARD MEETING



Dave Sexton, Brian Netz, John Grant



Ken Williams attending the flagstick between photos



Emmy Moore-Minister and Brian Gaunce



Don Allen, Adrian Bertens, Mark Weitz



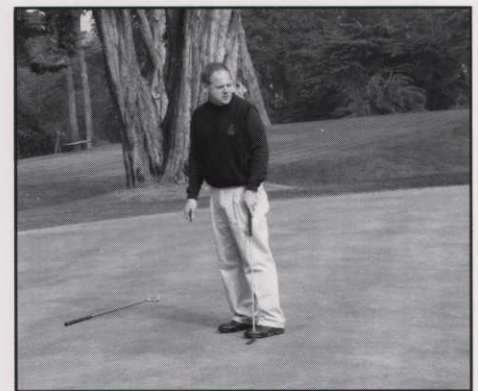
Mike Sousa, Steve Byrne, Adam Schauer, Bill Kissick



Outgoing President, Host Pat Finlen



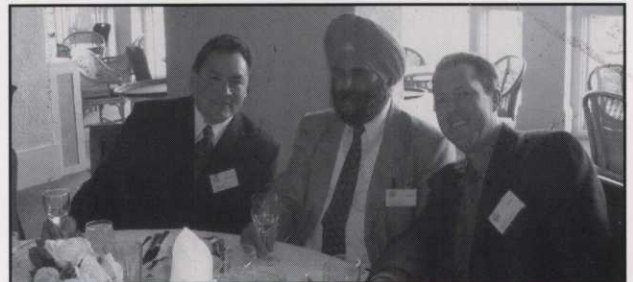
Man-Yin Tang and Barb Mikel



Tom Bevan rolls a slippery putt



Terry Grasso, Chris Dubas, Pat Finlen, Bob Lopic, Jason Green



Sequoyah's Armando Sanchez, Hercharan Singh, Tom Schunn

Events



2005
calendar

March 21st

USGA/NCGA Meeting
Castlewood Country Club

April

Superintendents Workshop,
Callipe Preserve Golf

May 15th, 16th, 17th

State Meeting, Reno, NV

June

Superintendent/Pro,
Sonoma Golf Club

July

Assistant Superintendent

California GCSA Launches e-Newsletter

The California GCSA has launched an electronic newsletter to provide the state's golf course superintendents with the latest California turf news.

Association Manager Bob Tillema, CGCS, said he got the idea for the monthly newsletter from similar ones he receives. He said, "I get a lot of emails. Several of them are one-page magazines. That's where I got the idea for the California GCSA E-Magazine, a once a month, one page magazine, with the latest California News for the California superintendents. I've also included links to different information our members may be interested in viewing".

Tillema is also the Webmaster for the California GCSA Web site, which began in 1998 when he was on the board of directors. He volunteered to look into having a site created for the chapter, and ended up designing the site, which was initially hosted on the GCSAA Web site. It has since moved to <http://www.californiagcsa.org/>.

Then, at a strategic planning meeting last August, the association decided to improve the site.

Tillema said the goal was to, "Make it a place where our membership would want to return, a single site that would offer most of the items a superintendent need. Things like weather, membership forum, turf research, current news, event calendar and job opportunities."

While he was waiting for bids on the redesign, Tillema began working on it himself. He said, "The redesign came out so good we didn't need a professional to do a redesign, and saved the association about \$1000 to \$2000 dollars."

The e-newsletter can be accessed by going to: <http://www.californiagcsa.org/e-magazine.html>

What's Bugging Me

By Andy Slack

You know what really bugs me about irrigation? Bugs! Insects (aka bugs) are probably the greatest reason electronic satellite components are sent in for repair. How many times have you found earwigs, spiders, and other insects crawling around in your irrigation satellites? You know why – because it's usually warmer, and dryer inside the satellite than anywhere else they can hang out.

So, what can we do to help save ourselves a lot of money each year out of our irrigation budget? If we can decrease the amount of insects in our satellites, then hopefully, we should be able to decrease the amount of money we spend on irrigation controller repairs!

Every spring and fall, your irrigation technician should be going through all of the satellites on the course, and giving them a good cleaning. Once your satellites are properly cleaned, you should put some granular insecticide in the base of each satellite, as well as maybe put some mothballs (urinal cakes work well too!), or other type of insect control in the base.

The twice yearly cleaning, as well as the insecticide will help keep the insects from overtaking your irrigation satellites as quickly as they normally do. This small investment of time can save you not only money, but also the headaches of troubleshooting your irrigation system!

2005 Joe Dey Award winner named

Pearl Carey of Seaside, CA, a former president of the Western States Golf Association and a member of the USGA Regional Affairs Committee, will be the second woman to receive the USGA Joe Dey Award.

Given since 1996, the award is named in honor of the late Joe Dey, who served as USGA executive director for 35 years and was later commissioner of the PGA Tour. It is given in recognition of meritorious service to the game of golf as a volunteer.

"The chairman [of the selection committee] called me a couple of weeks ago and I've been sick ever since," said an elated Carey. "I can't eat, I can't sleep. Oh my ... this is such an exciting thing I can't believe it. I would have never thought I would get such a thing."

Carey grew up in an era when many golf facilities were unavailable to minorities and vowed to help change that in her community. As a member of the Western States Golf Association (WSGA), one of the oldest African-American golf associations, she held numerous positions and championed programs to open the game to minorities.

Among her many contributions to the game, she secured funding from the USGA Foundation to implement the Seaside Junior Golf Program in 1997. Four graduates of that program are currently playing college golf. She is a former Monterey area director of the Pacific Women's Golf Association and was the Association's president in 1994.

Her previous awards include the 2002 California Golf Writers Association Golden State Award for lifetime service to the game and especially to junior and women's golf. In 2003, she received the Helen Lengfeld Award from the Pacific Women's Golf Association for outstanding service to the Association.

She follows Adele Lebow, who was the first woman to receive the award, in 2004.

The Joe Dey Award has previously been awarded to Charles Eckstein (1996), John Staver (1997), Joe King (1998), Frank Anglim (1999), Jack Emich (2000), Bill Dickey (2001), Clyde Luther (2002), John Hanna (2003) and Adele Lebow (2004).