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James Paresi and Robert Clarke of Half Moon Bay Golf Links

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Strictly Business

SPRING IN FULL SWING

It never ceases to amaze me how it can be winter one week and the next week spring has arrived in full force! Grass is growing, mowers are mowing, weed eaters are whacking...it's a full-on-frenzy! By now we have had a chance to gain some control over the situation and to catch our breath. Hope your season is off to a great start.

GREAT TO RELAX AT THE STATE

Now that you have spring well in hand, why not take some time to recharge your mind and body at the California GCSA Annual Conference and Golf Championship May 15, 16 and 17? You may still have time to sign up. This year's theme: "Reality Check 2005 The Golf Course Superintendents Future in the Work Place." The Golf Championship will take place on May 17 at Old Greenwood in Truckee, CA. Host is Golf Course Superintendent Joel Blaker, CGCS. Don't forget to support our vendors at the Trade Show that occurs in conjunction with the Welcome Reception on Sunday, May 15. Go to California GCSA .org for more information and registration.

BOARD APPOINTEE

Last years exiting BOD left a remaining one-year term to be filled. I have appointed Chris Mains, Superintendent of Spring Valley Golf Course in Milpitas, to fill this position. Chris is capable, enthusiastic and is a welcome addition to the board.

DENT'S MESSAGE

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Vince Keats Napa Valley Country Club

COMING UP

Superintendent / Pro Tournament - June 13 at Half Moon Bay Golf Links - Daniel Miller host Superintendent. This tournament is an open format. All are welcome to play.

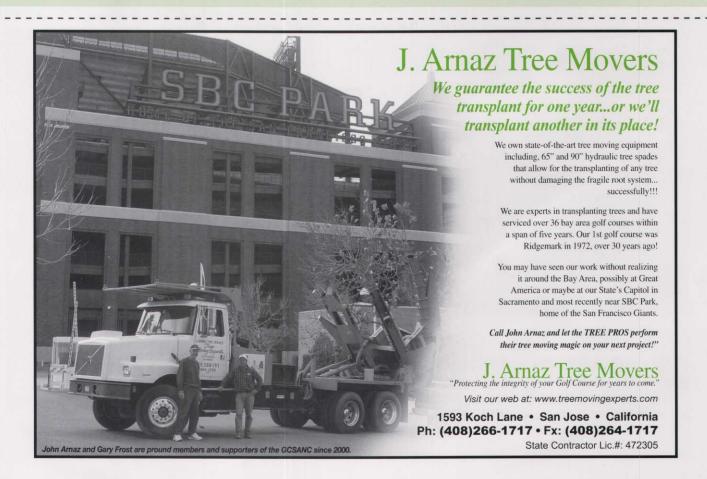
Assistant Superintendent Meeting - July 11 at San Jose Country Club - Jason Green host Superintendent.

A DAY IN THE FIELD

Thank you Dave Davies, CGCS, Dr. Ali Haravandi, Gill Stiles and Terry Grasso for organizing last month's Field Day at Callippe Preserve. It was a treat to see all the progress that has been made constructing this course. Dave, you are a most gracious host.

TELL A FRIEND

As I mentioned at the Annual Meeting, we have some wonderful meeting venues this year that afford us the chance to play some great golf. Please take advantage of the opportunity to invite a potential member, Green Committee Chair or Club Manager. Let them see what a great association we have.



Strictly Business



Barb Mikel, GCSANC Association Manager

The PDI (Professional Development Initiative) was one of many topics at the GCSAA Chapter Executives Conference in Lawrence Kansas the week of April 11. The deadline of compliance for the first group of superintendents is July 2006. Approximately one third in the first rotation have satisfied the educational requirements. Another third have some points accumulated toward the July goal. The remaining one third have no educational points yet posted. It is strongly recommended you determine which category you fall under. Keeping your educational record current will eliminate a lot of last minute scrambling for the necessary credits! For the most part you should be recording your own educational credits received at GCSANC sponsored educational events. The board decided at the inception it was an individual responsibility that the superintendent should undertake. I will keep records in the office of those educational events sponsored by GCSANC until the first cycle ends in July 2006. Thereafter we will keep two years of records for auditing purposes only.

Other topics of interest for Chapter Executives across the country included water issues, chapter leadership structure, chapter continuity, allied associations' cooperative programs, advocacy, program content, contracting, and technology in the future workplace. I do enjoy these conferences and would like to thank the Board of Directors and the membership for their continued support and cooperation.

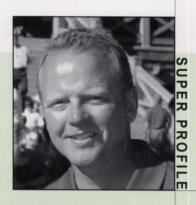
The GCSANC Membership Directory publishing date is on the horizon. Please let us know if you have items for consideration or inclusion. To all the Affiliate members out there, we are actively seeking your support of the Directory to defray costs of publication and mailing. If you have ideas for this, please give me a call.

GCSANC MEMBERSHIP NEWS MARCH 2005

Joshua Clevenger, Asst. Superintendent • Metropolitan Golf Links - Class C Mike Carter • All American Rental - Affiliate Randy Curtola • Pleasanton Fairways, Inc. - Inactive (Class Change) Mario Bellizzi, Asst. Superintendent • The Preserve Golf Club - Class C Alberto Cañedo, Superintendent • Gilroy Golf Course - Class A (Class Change) Shane Ferrill, Superintendent • The Golf Club @ Boulder Ridge - Class A Jason Green, Superintendent • San Jose CC - Class A (Class Change) Natali Guadarrama-Plotner, Asst. Superintendent • Presidio Golf Course - Class C Damian Guzman, Asst. Superintendent • Rancho Del Pueblo G.C. - Class C William Hausch, Asst. Superintendent • Del Monte GC - Class C Dante Hernandez, Sales • West Coast Sand & Gravel - Affiliate Daniel James, Intern • Pebble Beach Golf Links - Associate Justin Janke, Intern • Poppy Ridge G.C. - Associate Stewart Ludwig, Jr., Golf Director • Campers Inn Golf Resort - Affiliate Monti Nunemacher, Superintendent • Blackhawk Country Club - Class B Jeremy Payne, Intern • Meadow Club - Associate Donald Roller, Superintendent • Eureka Golf Club - Class A Mitch Tankersley, Asst. Superintendent • San Jose CC - Class C (Class Change) Mark Weitz, Asst. Superintendent • Carmel Valley ranch Resort - Class C Steve Kimbrough, Superintendent • The Olympic Club - Class B



Irene Cline, Cindy Neal and Brenda Warner at The Orlando GCSAA 2005 Meeting



Joel Blaker
Director of Agronomy, Tahoe Mountain Club

Employer: Tahoe Mountain Club

Position: Director of Agronomy

Years in the Golf Business: 25, 15 as Superintendent, Certi-

fied for 8

Previous Employment: Coyote Moon, Tahoe Donner, PeachTree, City of Sunnyvale, Willow Creek, Hyperion Field Club, Perry G&CC

Education: AAS Horticulture, Des Moines Area Community

College

GCSANC Work or Interests: Past Board Member of SNGCSA

Family: 3 children; Amanda, Elyse and Andrew

Interests Outside of Golf: Kids, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and my Drill Aerifer Rental business.

Favorite Vacation: Elk hunting in Colorado

Favorite Course to Play: Coyote Moon & Old Greenwood (obviously)

Course You'd Like to Visit: Augusta National

Strangest Thing You've Witnessed On The Golf Course: A Coyote with a white house cat in his mouth or a Chevy Blazer stuck in the snow in the middle of the fairway.

Worst Comment/Question From a Member: You can't grow grass...you should be fired! This comment was from a men's club member at Tahoe Donner and has apologized since, he is now a friend of mine.

What You'd Be Doing If You Weren't Involved With Golf: Guiding Whitetail hunts in Montana.

DIVOT REPAIR ARIZONA STYLE

By David L. Wienecke, USGA Agronomist

A golf ball hit off a turf surface often removes some of the turf leaving behind a hole called a divot. Traditional bermudagrass divot repair fills the divot with pure sand. Perennial ryegrass divot repairs traditionally include seed mixed with sand.

Golfers at several clubs in Arizona have been debating the best way to encourage divot turf recovery this winter in dormant bermudagrass that is overseeded with perennial ryegrass. Let's look at the case for each side in this controversy to determine which method is best.

THE PURE SAND LOBBY:

1. Actively growing perennial ryegrass will fill in the divot by vegetative growth. Seed mixed with sand divot mixes may dry out before the seed can germinate and establish.

2. A Phoenix area golf club found golfers using sand and seed divot mixes for divot repairs caused perennial ryegrass weed problems in previously pure nonoverseeded dormant bermudagrass.

3. Moisture getting into sand and seed divot mixes may cause premature seed germination while still in the storage bin or bottle. This shelf life limitation is a liability of seed containing divot mixes.

4. Pure sand divot mixes are compatible with the creeping bermudagrass growth for divot recovery. Even though the bermudagrass is dormant in winter, the sand mix will incorporate well for the best year round play conditions.

THE SAND MIXED WITH SEED LOBBY:

1. The perennial ryegrass is a bunch type grass and not a creeper. Vegetative growth will not fill in the divot from bunch type growth quickly enough to improve play conditions. The germinating seed mixed with sand provides a level playing surface with divot repair from the germinating seed.

2. Dormant bermudagrass is not growing during winter. The seed and sand mix is compatible with the winter perennial rye-

grass turf.

3. Adding peat moss or similar organic amendments to the sand and seed divot mix will increase divot mixture moisture retention ensuring seed germination.

THE NO DIVOT REPAIR LOBBY:

1. One golf club in Scottsdale took away the sand filled divot repair bottles from golfers because overenthusiastic divot filling caused tee and fairway mounds. The mounds caused worse play conditions after divot filling than the bare divot. Only the maintenance staff is now doing divot repairs using sand divot mixtures.

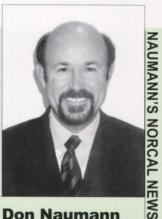
2. Another golf club stopped divot repair using sand or sand - seed mixes because they found the best turf play conditions when divots are repaired by replacing the divot sod and relying on vegetative growth to fill in the divot.

3. Some PGA tour players state they would rather play off a bare divot than to play out of an over or under filled sand divot.

THE SOLUTION:

Establish test plots for each divot method in fairways and tees and let the results determine which method is best for your golf course. One size may not fit all!

Members Only



Don Naumann Sierra Pacific Turf Supply

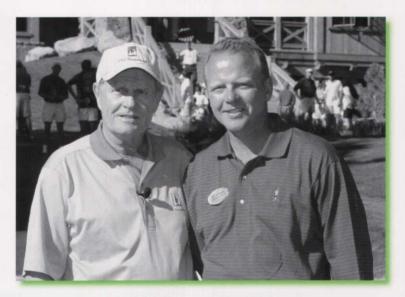
Scott Stambaugh has left Marin Country Club to become the new superintendent at Overlake CC in Medina, Washington. Scott and his family are from the Seattle area and are happy to be going home. His replacement has yet to be announced.....Tom Huesgen is leaving Pebble Beach Golf Links to build a new golf course in Southwest Colorado near Telluride. The new private club is to be named the Cornerstone Club. It has long been a dream of his to build a first class club and still be able to enjoy the outdoors with his family is his spare time....Mike Higuera, Sr. has left Coyote Creek G C in San Jose and will be going into the construction business. He is currently working on the construction of two new courses....Dean Kinney has left Syngenta to conquer new challenges and become the Sales and Marketing Manager for a local firm....



Tim O'Neil with Past Presidents

Ken Schwark A Winner at The GCSAA Solutions Challenge

Our old friend Ken Schwark, can't seem to get away from us. Now of Northern Bay Golf Resort & Marina in the state of Wisconsin, Ken took advantage of the newly created Solutions Challenge at the recent Golf Industry Show in Orlando. The contest required travel around the show floor stopping at 20 flagged booths to be "challenged" with a display illustrating a golf course problem. Ken was one of 20 winners drawn from qualifying participants. Ken's prize you ask? A weekend for two to Harding Park in San Francisco provided by Ewing Irrigation products.



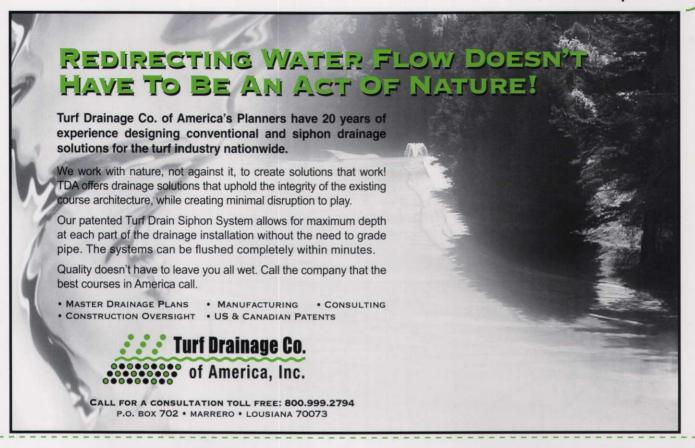
Jack Nicklaus and Joel Blaker

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SUPERINTENDENTS, FACILITIES RECOGNIZED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Los Lagos GC and Crystal Springs GC, and their golf course superintendents, Alan Andreasen, CGCS and Tim Powers, CGCS, have been named merit winners of the 2004 Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA)/Golf Digest Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards (ELGA).

Syngenta Professional Products and Rain Bird Corp., Golf Division are the presenting partners of the award.

Judges selected winners in three national categories (public, private and resort courses), and an international winner, with an overall winner being selected from the four. Additional recognition was given to the top entry from each GCSAA affiliated chapter, and merit honors were awarded to those who did not earn national or chapter honors, but in the opinion of the judges deserved special recognition. The national winners include (facility and chapter):

- · National Public (Overall Winner): Mark Claburn, Tierra Verde Golf Club, Arlington, Texas; North Texas GCSA
- National Private: John F. Anderson, The Club at Pronghorn, Sunriver, Ore.; Oregon GCSA
- National Resort: Sandy C. Clark, CGCS, Barona Creek Golf Club, San Diego, Calif.: San Diego GCSA
- International: Sean A. Kjemhus, Stewart Creek Golf and Country Club, Canmore, Alberta, Canada; Canadian GSA

National, chapter or merit winners were formally recognized Feb. 11 during the General Session of the GCSAA Education Conference and inaugural Golf Industry Show, Feb. 7-12 in Orlando. In addition, program sponsors donated funds to The Environmental Institute for Golf in the names of all national and chapter winners.

"These environmental leaders are prime examples of why golf courses are valuable assets to a community," said GCSAA President Mark J. Woodward, CGCS. "I congratulate these golf course superintendents and facilities for their commitment to environmental stewardship and contributions to enhancing the enjoyment of the golf experience."

An independent panel of judges representing national environmental groups, turfgrass experts, university researchers and members of the golf community conducted the award selection.

The Environmental Leaders in Golf Award recognizes golf course superintendents and their courses for overall course management excellence in the areas of resource conservation, water quality management, integrated pest management, wildlife/habitat management and education/outreach. In addition, these categories are judged on sustainability, criticality, originality and technology implementation/use.

In addition to the national winners, 10 chapter winners as well as 22 merit winners were selected from GCSAA's 104 affiliated chapters.

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Gallery

GCSAA 2005 MEETING, ORLANDO, FLORIDA



Barb, Bob, Cindy, Irene Cline, Brenda in Chapter Executive Session



Myrtle & Cliff at 50-year recognition event



Palmer Maples, Cliff, Bob, Joe Baidy, Paul McGinnis



Past Presidents



Bob Dalton and good old friends



Jim Lipari Doing the Speedy Trick



Norm Davis talks Planetair



Pete Freeden, Dean Kinney, Brad Langley

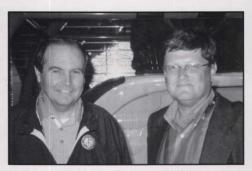


Steve Reed, Coleen, Drew Hager

PHOTO GALLERY



The California GCSA reception held in Orlando, FL, in conjunction with The Golf Industry Show brought together GCSANC Member Mike Basile-Santa Clara GC and GCSANC Member Ken Williams-Stanford University GC.



In Orlando, FL, at the California GCSA reception, State Association Manager Bob Tillema, CGCS, speaks with Mike Bailey of SuperNews about the recently redesigned and enhanced state association website: www.california.gcsa.org.



GCSANC Member Chris Dubas of Santa Teresa GC toasts one up with GCSANC Affiliate Member Andy Slack of Spot Water Management during the state reception in Orlando, FL.



Lights, Camera, Action. GCSANC Association Manager Barbara Mikel takes time out for a brief television interview with chapter communications rep Emmy Moore Minister on the floor of the Golf Industry Show. An advocate for all GCSANC Members, Mikel explains the vital role of today's golf course superintendent.



Standing united and committed to the future vitality of golf in California are allied golf leaders (I to r) NCPGA President Mike Mazzaferri, California GCSA President Pat Finlen, Golf Industry Advocate George Steffes, NCGA CEO Paul Porter, and SCGA Assistant Executive Director Kevin Heaney

The California Alliance for Golf met in Sacramento, CA, to discuss key issues impacting the future of golf, i.e. water conservation, environmental planning, legislative advocacy, community education and growth of the game.(Seated-L to R) Mike Huck (Industry Consultant), Bruce Williams (CGCSA), Nancy Maul (EWGA), Carol Pence (LPGA), Kevin Heaney (SCGA), and Ted Horton (CGCOA) (Standing-L to R) Andy Slack (Industry Consultant & GCSANC), Chris Thomas (NCPGA), Tom Gustafson (SCPGA), Pat Gross (USGA), Pat Finlen (CGCSA/GCSANC), Caroline O'Brien (PWGA), Matt Magers (NCGA), Mike McCullough (NCGA & GCSANC), Jim Husting (CGCSA/GCSANC), Mike Mazzaferri (NCPGA), George Steffes (Foley & Lardner & Golf Industry Advocate), Paul Porter (NCGA), Tom Morgan (SCGA), Rhonda Richards (Golf Sacramento) and Bill Aragona (NGCOA).



Events



FOR SALE

Napa Valley Country Club has several used pieces of equipment for sale including:

(Priced as indicated or best offer) 2- Cushman Turf Trucksters: \$500.00 each Jacobsen Turf Truck 2015: \$400.00 Jacobsen Walk behind Greens Mower: \$100.00 Toro Debris Blower: \$300.00 Mete - R - Matic F-15 Topdressser: \$500.00

For more information contact:

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SUPERINTENDENTS

2004 ELGA CHAPTER WINNERS

PUBLIC FACILITIES (Facility, City, State, Chapter)

 Alan Andreasen, CGCS, Los Lagos Golf Course, San Jose, Calif.; GCSA of Northern California
 Scott J. Mendenhall, Glen Annie Golf Club, Santa Barbara, Calif.; GCSA of Southern California

PRIVATE FACILITIES (Facility, City, State, Chapter)

- Thomas G. Brodeur, TPC of Boston, Norton, Mass.; GCSA of New England
 Paul F. Grogan, CGCS, TPC of the Twin Cities, Blaine, Minn.; Minnesota GCSA
- John Kulka, TPC of Michigan, Dearborn, Mich.; Greater Detroit GCSA

- RESORT FACILITIES (Facility, City, State, Chapter)

 *Tony Lasher, CGCS, The Resort at the Mountain, Welches, Ore.; Oregon GCSA * Don Petrey, The River Course at Keystone, Silverthorne, Colo.; Rocky Mountain GCSA
- · Anthony L. Williams, CGCS, Renaissance Pinelsle Resort & Golf Club, Lake Lanier Islands, Ga.; Georgia GCSA
- Thomas Wright, Mohonk Golf Course, Pine Bush, N.Y.; Hudson Valley GCSA

INTERNATIONAL FACILITIES (Facility, City, State, Chapter)

· Nancy Pierce, The Links at Crowbush Cove, Morell, Prince Edward Island, Canada, Canadian GSA

2004 ELGA MERIT WINNERS

PUBLIC FACILITIES (Facility, City, State, Chapter)

 Paul A. Dubnicka, Gull Lake View Golf Club, Augusta, Mich.; Western Michigan GCSA
 David Myrick, The Wilderness Golf Course, Lake Jackson, Texas; South Texas GCSA • David Phipps, Stone Creek Golf Club, Oregon City, Ore.; Oregon GCSA • Tim Powers, CGCS, Crystal Springs Golf Course, Burlingame, Calif.; GCSA of Northern California • Don Roller, Eureka Golf Course, Eureka, Calif.; GCSA of Northern California • Matthew Weaver, CGCS, Classic Golf Club, Puyallup, Wash.; Western Washington GCSA

PRIVATE FACILITIES (Facility, City, State, Chapter)

. H. Dean Baker, CGCS, Kinston Country Club, Kinston, N.C.; Carolinas GCSA. John F. Canavan, CGCS, The ACE Club, Lafayette Hill, Pa.; Philadelphia Association of GCS • Michael Crawford, CGCS, TPC at Sugarloaf, Duluth, Ga.; Georgia GCSA • Tom DeGrandi, TPC at River Highlands, Manchester, Conn.; Connecticut Association of GCS • David Dettmer, CGCS, TPC at Piper Glen, Charlotte, N.C.; Carolinas GCSA • David J. Faucher, CGCS, TPC at Rivers Bend, Maineville, Ohio; Greater Cincinnati GCSA • Dale Hahn, CGCS, TPC at Summerlin, Las Vegas, Nev.; Southern Nevada GCSA • Joel W. McKnight, CGCS, Hackberry Creek Country Club, North Richland Hills, Texas; North Texas GCSA • Alan L. Nielsen, CGCS, Royal Oaks Country Club, Vancouver, Wash.; Oregon GCSA • Michael J. Perham, CGCS, The Landings Club, Savannah, Ga., Georgia GCSA • R. Jeff Plotts, TPC at Southwind, Memphis, Tenn.; Tennessee GCSA • Roger A. Stewart Jr., CGCS, TPC at Jasna Polana, Princeton, N.J.; GCSA of New Jersey . Russell Vandehey, CGCS, Oregon Golf Club, Oregon City, Ore.; Oregon GCSA

RESORT FACILITIES (Facility, City, State, Chapter)

• Ryan Bancroft, Salishan Spa and Golf Resort, Gleneden Beach, Ore.; Oregon GCSA • Joel S. Blaker, CGCS, Old Greenwood Golf Course & Coyote Moon Golf Course, Truckee, Calif.; Sierra Nevada GCSA . Jim Broughton, CGCS, TPC of Scottsdale, Scottsdale, Ariz., Cactus & Pine GCSA

June