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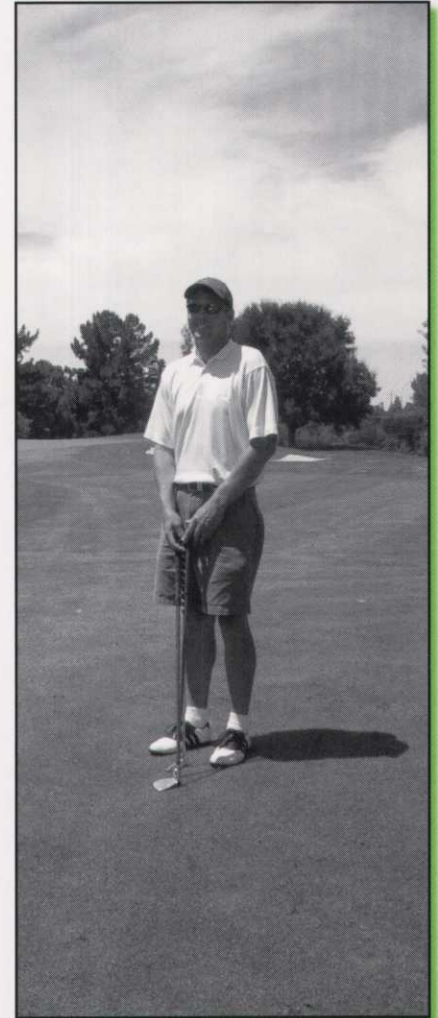
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Vince Keats
Napa Valley Country Club

Great Day at SJCC

The Assistant Superintendent's Meeting held in July at San Jose Country Club was superb. Jeff Steen and Steve Byrne shared their wisdom and advice on becoming a first-time superintendent. Pat Gross was on board with his valuable "Turf Tips." Host Assistant Superintendent Mitch Tankersley kept the whole program rolling. Winners of the complimentary registrations to the NCGA Assistant Superintendent Boot Camp were Jason Goss and Leon Alvarez. Congratulations guys! Naturally, Jason Green, Mitch Tankersley and staff had the course in excellent shape. Thank you to our sponsors: Danny Ramos - DHR Construction, Sal Sorbello - Reed Equipment Co. and Mike Ravel - Verdicon.

A Gentlemen and a Scholar

The annual Scholarship Tournament held at Stanford University Golf Course was a smashing success. Thank you to all our sponsors and event contributors. Special thanks go out to Tournament Chairmen Len Tallow and John Holmquist for putting it all together in grand style. Host Superintendent Ken Williams, CGCS, and staff provided excellent course conditions. Daniel Dalske, Assistant Superintendent Intern at California Club was present as a scholarship recipient. Daniel will be a senior at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo this fall. Congratulations Daniel.

Well Represented

We are fortunate to have two members of our association running for positions on the GCSAA Board of Directors. Incumbent Gary Carls, CGCS, makes a bid for a second two-year term and Pat Finlen, CGCS, is also running for one of the open slots on the board. Gary is past president of both the GCSANC and CGCSA. Pat is Past-President of the GCSANC and currently serving as president of the CGCSA. Both men are excellent candidates and we give our total support to each. With both Gary and Pat in office, California will be well represented!

Remember

In our profession we are fortunate to be able to play some great courses that otherwise would be inaccessible. Remember, no matter where you go that you are an ambassador to the association and the profession. Represent us well.

Coming Up

- Oakland A's BBQ - September 29 - Clay Wood, host
- GCSANC / Sierra Nevada Joint Meeting - October 24 at Silverado C.C. - William Hamilton, CGCS, Host Superintendent
- Superintendent's Institute - November 14 & 15 at Seascape G.C. - Michael McCraw, Host Superintendent



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Barb Mikel,
GCSANC Association Manager

OFFICE NOTES

Congratulations to Gary K Carls, CGCS and Patrick J. Finlen, CGCS for selection as candidates for the GCSAA Board of Directors. What great choices! I'm sure we all will be pushing hard for their election to the national board.

This year's Bert Graves Memorial Scholarship Tournament was very successful. John Holmquist, Len Tallow and Gill Stiles worked extremely hard on this event. Thanks to Ken Williams, CGCS and Stanford University Golf Course for being our hosts. Many, many thanks to all our Affiliate members! Their continued support for the event brings monies to the association to support turf grass research and scholarship programs for the industry. It was a great venue for a mid-season "stress reducer."

August in Nashville? Well the annual Convention of the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) is scheduled for mid-August. It must be a bargain time for conventions in Tennessee! I have belonged to the ASAE for a number of years but this is the first convention which isn't in Washington DC. My attendance will contribute to my continuing education requirements.

I know there are some very exciting programs going on within this association. Tim Greenwald has one of the first First Tee courses in our area. Tim is at the Twin Creeks Golf Course in Monterey County. I recently spoke with him regarding the program and was promised an article detailing his involvement. I'm also looking forward to some more news regarding First Tee from GCSNC Committee Chairman Chris Mains.

"The First Tee is a World Golf Foundation initiative dedicated to providing young people of all backgrounds an opportunity to develop, through golf and character education, life-enhancing values such as honesty, integrity and sportsmanship. The intent is to offer opportunities for improvement in the quality of life and create a platform where children can increase their potential for success." If you want more information regarding this worthwhile program visit the web site www.thefirsttee.org

Current Courses in Northern California

- The First Tee of Contra Costa at Diablo Creek Golf Course
- The First Tee of Contra Costa at Lone Tree Golf Course
- The First Tee of Monterey County at Twin Creeks Golf Course
- The First Tee of The North Bay at Healdsburg's Tayman Park Golf Course
- The First Tee of San Francisco at Harding Park Golf Complex
- The First Tee of Greater Sacramento at Bing Maloney Golf Complex
- The First Tee of Greater Sacramento at Haggin Oaks Golf Complex

GCSANC New Members July 2005

- Keith Beamer, Assistant Superintendent • La Rinconada Country Club – Class C (New Member)
- William Andrade, Superintendent • Sunol Valley Golf Club – Class A (Reinstatement)
- Jonathan Korfhage, Retired • Retired – Retired Affiliate (Reinstatement)
- James Prusa, Director of Agronomy • Kemper Sports Management – Class A (New Member)
- David Piper, CGCS, Area Manager • Simplot – Affiliate (New Member)
- Jerry Bibbey, Superintendent • Summit Pointe Golf Club – Class A (New Member)
- Ryan Verness, 2nd Assistant Superintendent • Spyglass Hill Golf Course – Class C (New Member)
- Steve Kwasnicki, Owner • Tracy Golf and Country Club – Affiliate (New Member)



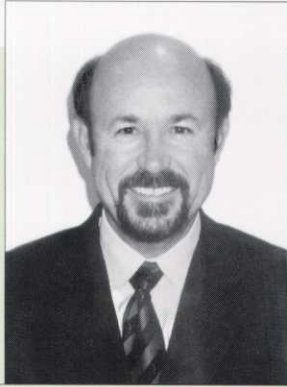
Barb and Wayne Mikel enjoy the beautiful afternoon at Stanford Golf Course

PLAN ON ATTENDING THE JOINT MEETING IN NAPA AT SILVERADO!

The Joint Meeting of the GCSANC and SNGCSA will be held October 24th at the wonderful Silverado Resort in Napa. Come experience this great venue for education and golf, while enjoying all the resort amenities. Many things are new at Silverado including upgrades to the golf courses, spa, and sleeping rooms. It should be one of the best events of the year. Hope to see you all at Silverado!



Members Only



NAUMANN'S NORCAL NEWS

Don Naumann
Sierra Pacific Turf Supply

Mike Rothenberg announced he is retiring from Sharon Heights G & CC in Menlo Park and will be moving to Tucson, Arizona. While preparing to move, the Club he was previously at, Tucson CC, called him and let him know his old job was open for the third time since he had left. After a lot of discussion, he decided to come out of his short-lived retirement and is now the new superintendent at Tucson CC.....Replacing Mike is **Bob Rafferty**. Bob was the superintendent on the Ocean Course at The Olympic Club.....**Bill Davis** has left Peninsula G & CC in San Mateo to pursue another opportunity in the industry.....Replacing Bill at Peninsula is **Jeremy Lehman**. Jeremy had been the superintendent at Cinnabar Hills GC before his move up the peninsula. It seems that changing jobs wasn't exciting enough for Jeremy as he found time to get married in between changing positions.....**Brian Boyer**, Assistant Superintendent at San Francisco GC, has accepted the superintendent position at Cinnabar Hills.....**Tracy Shanahan** has left Saratoga CC to move back to where his roots are in Auburn, CA. He is the new superintendent at Dark Horse GC replacing **Doug Westbrook** who moved back to southern California.....Replacing Tracy is **Jim Parisi**. Jim had been the superintendent on the Ocean Course at Half Moon Bay Golf Links.....**Sean Duffy** is the new superintendent at Tilden Park GC in Berkeley. Sean was at Micke Grove GC in Lodi prior to his move.....

What's Going On In the Region

Tim Powers, CGCS at Crystal Springs Golf Course in Burlingame will soon be completing a renovation project with Gary Linn as the Golf Course Architect. All the old asphalt cart paths were ground up and new 8' concrete paths are being poured. The work began on June 1st and completion is slated for August 1st. DHR Construction is doing the paths and some new bunkers on the course. All path prep and feature work – bunkers, mounds and a new tee complex on 15, is being done by Keith Kaminski. West Coast Turf is supplying the sod. Sierra Pacific is supplying all fertilizers, seed, and other miscellaneous items. It should be a great improvement and will look like a new course after Labor Day.

BERT GRAVES RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT

AUGUST 8TH, 2005
STANFORD GOLF COURSE
KENNETH WILLIAMS, CGCS
HOST SUPERINTENDENT

WINNERS

Long Drive Hole #1 Mike McCullough
Closest to the Pin, Hole #8..... Dale Simpson
Closest to the Pin, Hole #14..... Thomas Bastis, CGCS

Low Gross Two Man Team

1st Place Dale Simpson/John Holmquist
2nd Place Mike Ligon/Ross Brownlie

Low Net Two Man Team

1st Place Tim Powers, CGCS/Dave Cummings
2nd Place Greg Fernald/Chris Dubas

Superintendent Low Gross..... Dale Simpson
Superintendent Low Net..... Tim Powers, CGCS
Affiliate Low Gross..... Ken Roberts
Affiliate Low Net..... Greg Fernald

Tournament Raises Funds for Cancer Research

*American Cancer Society receives over \$50,000
for support programs and research*

A golf tournament benefiting the American Cancer Society brought together golfers from a wide array of business segments all with at least one common interest – helping in the fight against cancer. Landscape professionals, golf course superintendents, pest management professionals and industry manufacturer representatives were all present at Target Specialty Products' 6th Annual Charity Golf Tournament.

The tournament, held on July 20, 2005 at Strawberry Farms Golf Club in Irvine, CA, was dedicated to Kenny Ferraro, DDS and Target's customer service representative, Judy Westoff. Ferraro and Westoff are both cancer survivors who are dedicated to spreading the word about cancer and supporting research to find a cure.

At the conclusion of golfing, Target Specialty Products presented the American Cancer Society with a check. Final pledges have exceeded \$52,000, a \$10,000 increase over last year's donation. Jayne Lastusky, regional vice president, American Cancer Society, Los Angeles Region was on-hand to accept the check. "Target's annual tournament is a well-orchestrated event. I am impressed with the growth of the tournament and the commitment Target has made to the American Cancer Society."

This year, over 570,000 people will lose their fight to cancer in the United States.

Moss Control Highlighted at PACE Turfgrass Research Seminar

Silvery thread moss (*Bryum argenteum*) is the number one problem on many Poa and bentgrass greens largely because many products that control moss also control turf, according to Wendy Gelernter, Ph.D., research director for the PACE Turfgrass Research Institute (PACE). "Attempts to control moss using these products frequently backfires," Gelernter said, "because wherever the turf is thinned and/or stressed due to phytotoxicity, the first plant to re-colonize the area is usually moss."

Lack of turf-safe moss-control products and other turf management topics were discussed June 27th at the ninth annual PACE Turfgrass Research Seminar in San Diego. More than one hundred golf course superintendents and turf managers attended the 10-session seminar. Presentations and handouts from all the sessions are available to PACE members at the PACE website at www.paceturf.org (Non-members may signup at the site for a free trial membership).

Because of their potential to harm turf, moss control products need to be selected carefully, Gelernter said. Products that are effective for moss but have the potential to injure turf include iron-based products such as ferrous sulfate, copper hydroxide (Junction®) and sodium carbonate peroxyhydrate (Terracyte®). Despite the phytotoxicity potential of these products, however, some superintendents have successfully integrated them into their moss control programs. But, Gelernter said, "remember to test anything new on a small area first and incorporate products into your program gradually."

Research trials from around the country confirm that the two most effective moss-control products with the least phyto-potential are chlorothalonil (Echo, Daconil, Manicure) and carfentrazone (QuickSilver). Chlorothalonil has been labeled for moss control on greens for several years, but the EPA is currently reviewing an expanded label request for carfentrazone that would include greens. Gelernter said higher application volumes (greater than 2 ga/1000 sq. ft.) and repeat applications are necessary with most products for best results.

"One of the most important and also most overlooked aspects of moss control is the follow-up," she said. "After the moss has died and there is a bare area on the green, it is absolutely critical to encourage turf growth so it wins the race to fill in the bare spot before the moss does. This means providing the turf with enough water and nutrients—basically treating it as though it were growing in for the first time—to give it the edge over moss."

Larry Stowell, Ph.D., also a PACE research director, discussed the role of several nutrients in pest management, including the role of reduced phosphorous levels in suppressing *Poa annua* invasion of bentgrass greens. Stowell, Gelernter and Frank Wong, Ph.D., UC Riverside, reviewed the activity and recommended use patterns for newly registered products, including fungicides, such as Endorse and Emerald; insecticides, such as Allectus and Arena; and herbicides, such as Velocity and Revolver. Shoumo Mitra, Ph.D., Cal Poly Pomona, reviewed results of the wetting agent studies he conducted as part of the nationwide GCSAA-USGA wetting agent project.

PACE Turfgrass Research Institute (PACE) is a membership organization that provides research, education and information services to the turf management community. Founded in 1993 by its research directors Wendy Gelernter, Ph.D. and Larry Stowell, Ph.D., the PACE mission is to generate and share independent and objective agronomic information among turf professionals so they may develop management programs that are effective, practical and scientifically sound. (Please see page 12 for table)

California Launches Online Endangered Species Tool

The Department of Pesticide Regulation has created a new, online resource to help protect endangered species in California. It is the first interactive, public database of its kind in the nation.

The free, Web-based resource allows pesticide applicators and others to quickly and easily identify local habitat for endangered animals and plants, and advises applicators on required precautions. The system is called PRESCRIBE, for "Pesticide Regulation Endangered Species Custom Real-time Internet Bulletin Engine."

"PRESCRIBE represents a major advance for information on endangered species," said Mary-Ann Warmerdam, DPR director. "It also makes life easier for businesses that must comply with complex regulations."

The database replaces more than 2,500 pages of endangered species protection bulletins for 56 of the state's 58 counties.

The system uses a search engine to deliver custom data reports through common Web browsers. A user begins by selecting the county desired, then the township, range, and section where a pesticide application is anticipated. PRESCRIBE then identifies the listed species that may be present, down to a one-square-mile area.

In addition, it can search for 30,000 pesticides by brand name, as opposed to paper bulletins that listed only the name of an active ingredient.

Once species and pesticides have been identified, the system lists protective measures for each species and pesticide combination. The measures were developed from biological studies of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and adapted to California uses. The custom instructions are brief enough to be attached to pesticide user permits, sales receipts and work orders.

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Checking In



Dave Davies, Rod Kilcoyne, Mitch Leiner, Kevin Eppich, Craig Zellers



Ken Williams Shares a Laugh with Mitch Leiner and PJ Spellman II



Chris Gose, Rod Kilcoyne, Joe Rodriguez



Dale Engman Strokes a Putt While Mitch Frasier Looks on



Mike Garvale at the Long Drive Marker on #1



John Holmquist Runs The Raffle



Len Tallow Drew the Tickets

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Kevin Eppich, Don Allen, Mike Ginelli



Dale Engman, Craig Zellers, Ken Williams, Mitch Frasier, Jeff Arneson



The President was in a Good Mood at Stanford Golf Course



Mike Sousa Sets Up



Clay Wood Walks off #18 Green While Glenn Matthews Cleans Up



Dave Archer on the Tee



Alberto Canedo, Peter Herrera, Cliff Peterson



John Grant, Mike Sousa, Mike McCullough



Todd Lyjynen, Troy Flanagan, Bob Lopic

Events



2005
calendar

September 29th

Oakland A's Baseball Game & BBQ

October 24th

GCSANC & Sierra Nevada GCSA
Joint Meeting
Silverado C.C.

November 14th & 15th

Superintendents Institute
Aptos Seascape G.C.

December 2nd

Holiday Meeting
Portola Plaza Hotel, Monterey

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