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As the GCSANC moves forward into 2006, it's a good time to reflect on our accomplishments while also reevaluating our goals for the future. As an association, I believe our number one goal should be serving our members. But what does that mean? We hear that mentioned all the time. To me, it means listening closely to our members and uncovering what they want from our association.

How can we assist you in your career? How can we help you at your facility? Do you what more educational opportunities? Do you want more opportunities to get D.P.R. hours or do you need help or information about the new P.D.I. renewal requirements? As you may know, 2006 is the first year of the renewal cycle. Do you have all the points necessary? Do you even know what's required? Don’t be afraid to ask and explore. Remember, this is your association!

My hopes for 2006 are to encourage your involvement in the GCSANC in some way. The best way to be a successful member service organization is for the members to participate and to get others involved too. Please call a fellow superintendent and bring him or her to a meeting. Encourage your assistant to join you at a GCSANC event, as they are the future of this association. Contact a board member and volunteer for a committee. In support of these efforts we will be sending out an e-mail asking for volunteers to serve on committees. I hope you'll take this opportunity to get involved. The more members that get involved with the association, the more success we'll have in addressing the needs of our members.

We all know that for us to be successful as superintendents our facilities must be successful and to reach that goal we need to be more involved in the operations at our facilities. Gone are the days with the superintendent in the maintenance facility echoing the words... "All I want to do is grow grass." We have an opportunity to become active leaders and participate in the success of our facilities and, in turn, enhance our own success. GCSAA and GCSANC have many resources available to help you become an even more valuable asset at your course, thus furthering your career. I urge you to take advantage of these resources.

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Barb Mikel,
GCSANC Association Manager

I'd like to welcome Troy Flanagan and Craig Zellers to the GCSANC board. Congratulations to all the new officers too. I'm looking forward to the upcoming year!

My thanks go out to all those previous board members who continue their service to the organization. A special thanks goes to Gary Carls, CGCS for his ten years plus of service to the GCANC, CGCSA and GCSAA. Congratulations to Pat Finlen, CGCS on his election as GCSAA Director. The words exchanged by Gary and Pat on the California GCSA member forum posting demonstrate the best the profession has to offer.

Looking ahead, 2007 will mark the 75th year for Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California. Your ideas and thoughts regarding this special year are welcomed and appreciated.

The second GCSAA Golf Industry Show is history. Congratulations to all those participating in the Golf Championship. California was well represented in the event winner listing. While you traveled to Atlanta, I was able to once again attend The California Golf Writer's Awards Dinner at the AT&T Pro-Am. Each year, award winners from the various industry segments are acknowledged at this event. Bob Lapic, GCSANC Superintendent of the Year has joined those previously recognized for their leadership and service to the profession. Congratulations Bob!

The 2006 GCSANC Committee Assignments

All Committee chairs will be asked to recruit 1 or 2 members-at-large to serve on their committee.

SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT
Co-Chairman: Jason Green
Co-Chairman: John Holmquist
Member: Craig Zellers

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE
Chairman: Vince Keats, CGCS
Member: Troy Flanagan

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
Chairman: Jason Green
Member: Troy Flanagan

PUBLIC RELATIONS/MEDIA AWARDS
Chairman: Gill Stiles

PROGRAMS AND GOLF CHAIRMAN
Chairman: Todd Lyijynen

RESEARCH COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
Chairman: Tom Bastis, CGCS

EDUCATION AND INSTITUTE
Chairman: Brian Netz, CGCS
Member: Jason Green

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
Chairman: Troy Flanagan

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Chairman: Vince Keats, CGCS

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE
Chairman: John Holmquist
Member: Craig Zellers
Member: Tom Bastis, CGCS

CA GCSA DELEGATE
Gill Stiles

GCSAA CHAPTER DELEGATE
Todd Lyijynen

FRIENDS OF SAM SINGH
The 4th Annual Sam Singh Golf Tournament and Scholarship Awards will be held April 7th, 2006 at Tilden Golf Course
Please Contact Mike McCraw at (831) 688-5717 for more details
Mike Nunemacher  
*Golf Course Superintendent*

**Employer:** Castlewood Country Club  
**Position:** Golf Course Superintendent  
**Years in the Golf Business:** 15  
**Previous Employment:** Blackhawk Country Club  
**GCSANC Work or Interests:** Past board member  
**Other Organizations:** GCSAA, Ducks Unlimited  
**Family:** Wife, Valerie; daughter Lindsay, 5; son Zachary, 4  
**Interests Outside of Golf:** Fishing & 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 a 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
Dave Davies has accepted the superintendent position at a new private country club in Hayward. The name of the new facility is Stonebrae Country Club. He is leaving Callippe Preserve Golf Course in Pleasanton. His replacement has yet to be named......Lonnie Stevens has left his assistant superintendent position at Poppy Ridge Golf Course in Livermore to become the new superintendent at Blackhawk CC (Lakeside Course) in Danville......Don Paul has accepted the superintendent position at Diablo Creek Golf Course in Concord. Don was the superintendent at DeLaveaga GC in Santa Cruz a few years ago before taking a leave of absence from the industry. Don is replacing Rod Kilcoyne. Rod worked for the City of Concord for 35 plus years before retiring with full city benefits. The City of Concord recently awarded the maintenance contract to Valley Crest and Don will be working with them......
Nitrogen Fate in a Mature Kentucky Bluegrass Turf

Kevin W. Frank, Kevin O'Reilly, Jim Crum, and Ron Calhoun
Michigan State University

Research was undertaken at Michigan State University to determine nitrogen fate and nitrate-nitrogen leaching from a mature turfgrass. Research from 1998-2002, investigated the amount of nitrate leaching from two nitrogen rates, 2 and 5 lbs. N/1000 ft.2/year. The research found:

- The average total labeled fertilizer nitrogen recovered among all sampling components (clippings, verdure, thatch, soil, roots, and leachate) for the low and high N rates was 78 and 73%, respectively.
- The low nitrogen rate treatment (2 lbs. N/1000 ft.2/year) had low levels of nitrate leaching.
- The high nitrogen rates (5 lbs. N/1000 ft.2/year) had high amounts of nitrate leaching.

The complete report of this research and many other reports can be found at USGA's Turfgrass and Environmental Research Online (http://usgatero.msu.edu). The specific URL for this report is http://usgatero.msu.edu/v05/n02.pdf.

A research team at Michigan State University led by Dr. Kevin Frank (above) investigated the efficiency of nitrogen use by mature Kentucky bluegrass when fertilized at a low (2 lb./1000 ft2/year) and a high rate (5 lb./1000 ft2/year). Results indicate that the high rate of nitrogen fertilization is much more than the turf needs and can result in unacceptable levels of nitrate-nitrogen in leachate.
2006 GCSANC ANNUAL MEETING

Hooked on Golf's Mitch and John added some levity to the event

Len Tallo, Bob Lapic, Bill Aragona and Terry Grasso

Affiliate Representatives
John Holmquist and Len Tallo

Mike Basile, Mike Garvale, Dave Davies,
Cordie Morgan, Mike Nunemacher

Brian Netz and Mat Dunneyer

Mike Ligon, Randy Gai, Harry Singh,
Armando Sanchez and Troy Flanagan look on

Napa Country Club was enjoyed by all

Members listen closely
2006 GCSANC ANNUAL MEETING

Don Paul, Brian McCrae, Tim Powers, Jeff Roberts

Armando Sanchez, Ben Showard, Chris Mains

Cameron Miller and Kevin Siring of The Preserve GC

Shant Singh, Dick Rudolph, Mike Clark

Thomas Bastis, Todd Lyijynen, Incoming President Gill Stiles

Bill Hamilton, Mike Parks, Cliff Peterson and Dave Sheldon, Jr.
**Mark Your Calendars**

Practical Turfgrass Management
Thursday, April 13, 2006
1632 Da Vinci Court, Davis, CA

The University of California Extension—Davis, is offering this one-day course that will focus on practical turfgrass management in all professionally maintained sites. It would be of interest to municipal parks and recreation site managers, golf course maintenance personnel, sports turf managers, school and college grounds managers, cemetery turf managers, horticultural consultants, pest control advisors, turf seed and sod suppliers, and other professional turf and landscape managers. Six hours of Pest Control Advisors (DPR), six hours of Certified Crop Advisor Continuing Education Credits, 0.6 hours of Certified Golf Course superintendent are pending, and 0.6 Extension Continuing Education Credits will be awarded. To receive the program details, call (800)-752-0881 or (530) 757-8777.

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