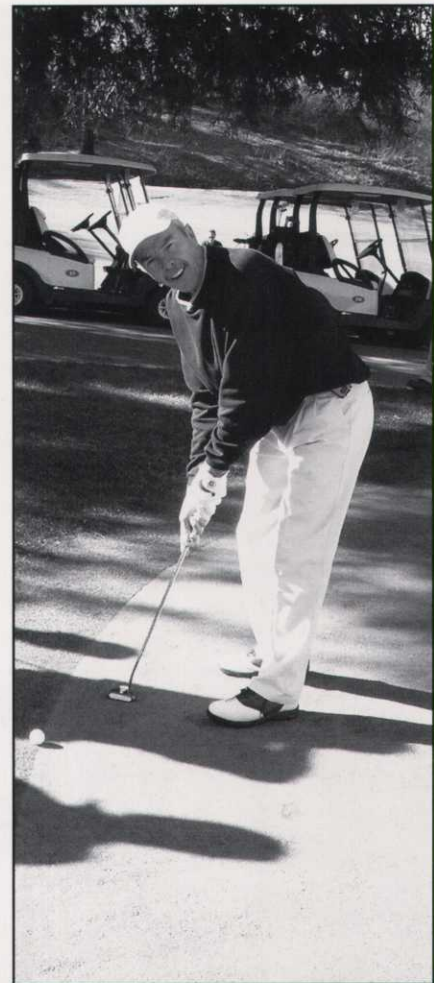


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As the GCSANC moves forward into 2006, it's a good time to reflect on our accomplishments while also reevaluating our goals for the future. As an association, I believe our number one goal should be serving our members. But what does that mean? We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

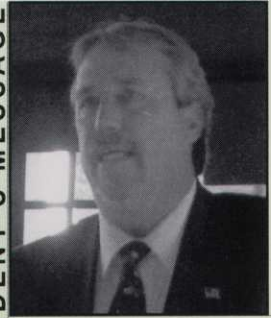
How can we assist you in your career? How can we help you at your facility? Do you want more educational opportunities? Do you want more opportunities to get D.P.R. hours or do you need help or information about the new P.D.I. renewal requirements? As you may know, 2006 is the first year of the renewal 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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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Gill Stiles
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OFFICE NOTES

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 Lopic, GCSANC Superintendent of the Year has joined those previously recognized for their leadership and service to the profession. Congratulations Bob!

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

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

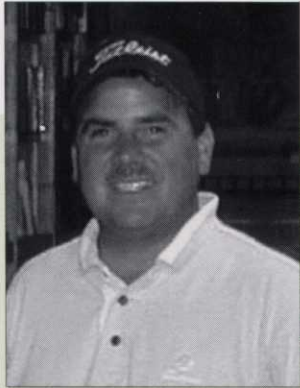
Member: Tom Bastis, CGCS

CA GCSA DELEGATE

Gill Stiles

GCSAA CHAPTER DELEGATE

Todd Lyijynen



SUPER PROFILE

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

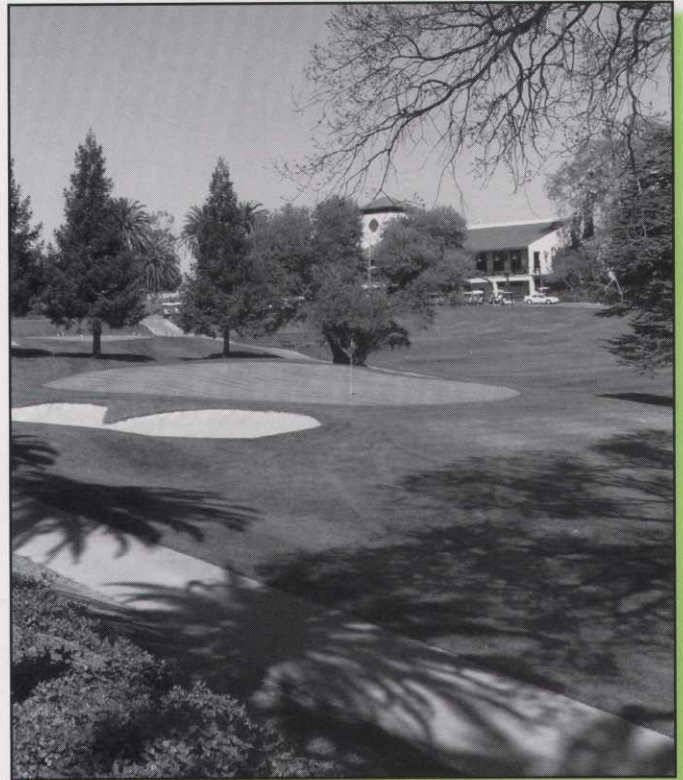
Course You'd Like to Visit: Augusta National

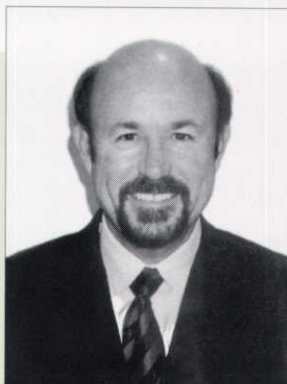
Strangest Thing You've Witnessed On The Golf Course: Car mistaking a cart path for the road and ending up in a lake

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

CASTLEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB





NAUMANN'S NORCAL NEWS

Don Naumann
Sierra Pacific Turf Supply

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.....

Water-Wise Landscapes

Local landscape pros and vendors to meet

The Water Awareness Committee of the Monterey Peninsula invites you to attend their Water-wise Landscape Symposium and Expo! This event will be held from 8:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 22, 2006 at the Rancho Canada Golf Course facilities in beautiful Carmel Valley. Learn from and meet local landscape pros who will share information on the latest water saving landscape technology, management practices, and water-wise garden design ideas! Visit the WAC website at www.waterawareness.org, call (831) 646-4656, or e-mail plord@mcwd.org for information and attendee or vendor registration.

Choosing Appropriate Herbicides for Establishing Bermudagrass from Seed

Michael D. Richardson, John W. Boyd, Douglas E. Karcher,
John H. McCalla, and Josh W. Landreth
University of Arkansas

Bermudagrass continues to be the predominant turfgrass for southern golf course fairways, tees, and rough areas. In the past decade, improved seeded bermudagrass cultivars have been developed that have superior turfgrass quality compared to earlier seeded types and are now being incorporated into many turfgrass situations. When establishing a turfgrass such as bermudagrass from seed, a major concern is the control of weeds during the establishment phase, as excessive weed pressure can lead to delayed establishment and reduced quality.

The objective of research conducted by scientists at the University of Arkansas was to determine the types of herbicides that could be safely used during bermudagrass establishment. The major conclusions from this work included:

- Many of the most common herbicides that are used on mature bermudagrass can also be safely used on bermudagrass seedlings
- Most herbicides were safely applied as early as two weeks after emergence
- Herbicides that caused significant injury to bermudagrass seedlings included diclofop (Illoxan), metsulfuron (Manor), and metribuzin (Sencor). These herbicides should not be used until bermudagrass is fully established
- Herbicides that demonstrated excellent safety on new bermudagrass seedlings included MSMA, quinclorac (Drive), and dicamba
- Sulfonylurea herbicides such as flazasulfuron (Katana), foramsulfuron (Revolver), and trifloxysulfuron (Monument) exhibited excellent safety on seedling bermudagrass

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/n03.pdf>.



AFFILIATE PROFILE

Neil Woolner
Arborist
Arborwell

Employer: Arborwell

Position: Arborist

Years in the Business: 18

Education: Degree in Horticulture

GCSANC Work or Interests: GCSANC meeting sponsor. Arborwell has been proud to sponsor the 2004 and 2005 Superintendent's Institute

Other Organizations: Royal Horticultural Society, National Trust

Family: Wife and two children, girl 7 and boy 9

Outside Interests: Economic, social and political history of Europe AD 650 - 1945

Favorite Vacation: Hill walking in Glen Coe, Scotland

Favorite Course to Work On: San Francisco Golf Club

Course You'd Like to Visit: Lake Merced Golf Club

Strangest Thing You've Witnessed On The Golf Course: Somebody driving a car over a green

Worst Comment/Question From a Member or Superintendent: Can you top my trees the same height as the clubhouse?

What You'd Be Doing If You Weren't Involved With Arborwell: Plotting trench maps at the Ypres salient

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.

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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.

Gallery

2006 GCSANC ANNUAL MEETING



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



Len Tallo, Bob Lopic, 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 Dunmeyer



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



Napa Country Club was enjoyed by all



Members listen closely

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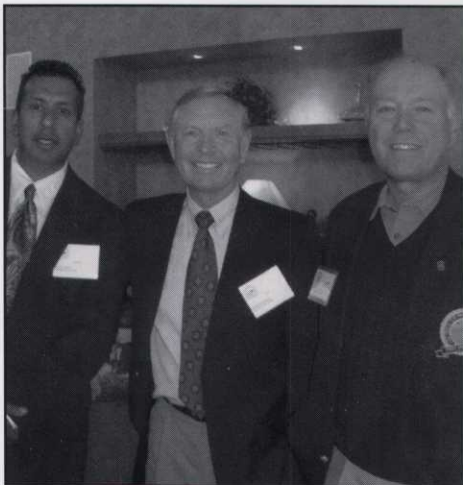
Don Paul, Brian McCrae, Tim Powers, Jeff Roberts



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.

Events



2006
calendar

March 20

USGA/NCGA
Castlewood Country Club

April 24

Superintendent's Field Day
Stonebrae Country Club

May 21 - 23

2006 California GCSA
Annual Conference
Trade Show & Golf Championship
Temecula Creek Inn

June 19

Superintendent Pro Tournament
Sonoma Golf Club

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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