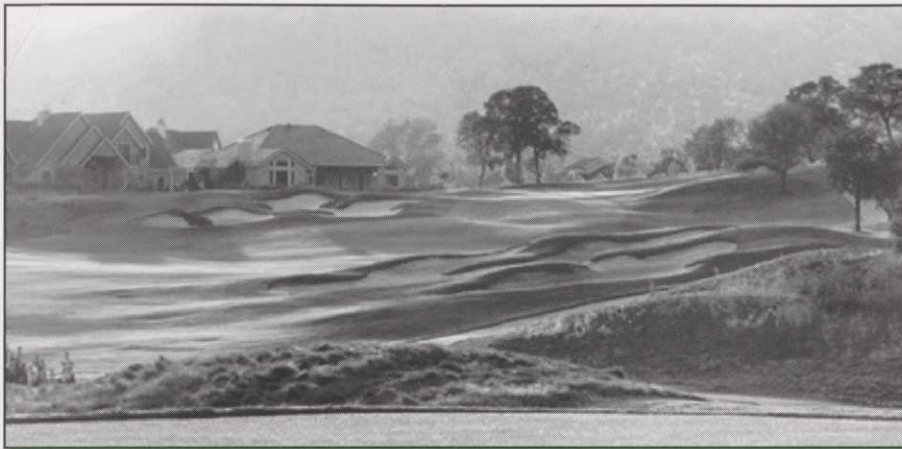
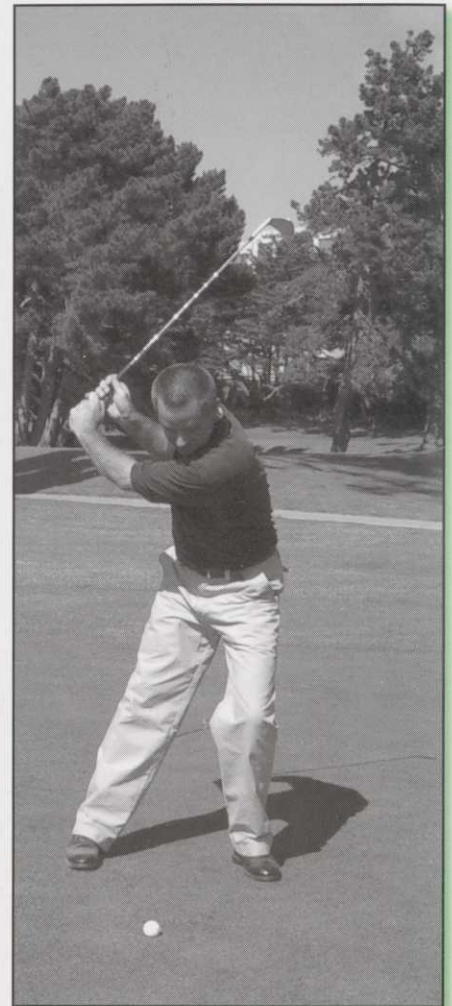


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Saddle Creek Resort



John Holmquist at  
Lake Merced Golf Club

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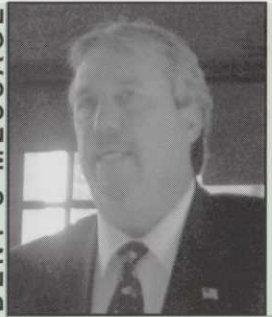
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Gill Stiles**  
Santa Rosa Golf & CC

I hope everyone was able to keep their sanity and their turf during the record setting high temps we encountered. This year has kept us on our toes with the record rains in the spring and the record temps the summer.

I would like to thank everyone that contributed clubs for our troops at the Sonoma Tournament. We collected over 20 complete sets of clubs and many miscellaneous clubs and boxes of golf balls. We are working with the personnel at Travis A.F.B. to get them shipped overseas. We will post pictures in our next issue.

Our association is approached regularly by many worthwhile organizations asking for financial contributions. The Board of Directors struggles with how to contribute to such organizations as The First Tee, The Junior Golf Associations and others while still working within a limited budget. The BOD feels that it is important for the GCSANC to be involved and seen, as a contributor to the game of golf and by helping groups like these is one way we can achieve this goal. The board of directors has decided to create special fund, a "Benevolent Fund" which will be funded completely on a volunteer basis by our membership. By contributing to this fund, our association will be able to continue to play an important part in growing the game, by having resources to help these worthwhile groups. On your next dues renewal notice you will see an "opt in" box. By checking this box, \$5.00 will automatically be added to your dues to fund this program. You will have the option of contributing more than \$5.00 if you chose. The GCSANC is seen as leader in the game of golf and our support of the game is important to us all.

September is our annual joint meeting with Sierra Nevada. This year we will be at beautiful Saddle Creek Resort. Hope to see you there!

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OFFICE NOTES

**Barb Mikel,**  
GCSANC Association Manager

Looking for a new position? Your GCSANC membership provides a job availability notice. Golf courses, superintendents and industry partners seeking employees frequently request this service. Last year we averaged one notice every two weeks! Distribution is to all active dues paying members via e-mail or fax.

Following each distribution, I receive some "undeliverable mail" or rejected fax numbers. We do attempt to check out the bad addresses but are not completely successful. As the Internet world adds more security and junk mail filters, more of the e-mails are "bounced." Some of you are unintentionally screening communications with the association via your personal e-mail filters. Some clubs and company web sites also filter your communications without your knowing. So if you haven't been receiving these notices, and would like to check for up-to-date information, please call or e-mail the office.

### Results from Sonoma GC June 19, 2006

#### Superintendent/Pro Team

- 1st — Gill Stiles & Mark Quintel - Santa Rosa Golf & CC
- 2nd — John Pina & Matt Staton - La Rinconada CC
- 3rd — David Sheldon, Jr. & Dean James - Fountaingrove Golf & Athletic Club

#### Professional

- 70 — John Hughes - Castlewood Country Club
- 71 — Rod Metzler - Oakmont Golf Club
- 71 — Matt Staton - La Rinconada CC

#### Superintendent Low Net

- 1st — Tim Powers, CGCS - Crystal Springs Golf Course
- 2nd — Billy Witt - Rob Roy Golf Course
- 3rd — Michael Clark, CGCS - Oakmont Golf Club

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## GCSANC QUICK PROFILE

**Scott Dickson**

**Employer:** Saddle Creek Resort

**Position:** Golf Course Superintendent

**Years in the Golf Business:** 2 years at Saddle;  
10 + overall

**Previous Employment:** Assistant Superintendent at  
GC Del Paso Country Club 4 ½ years Sacramento

**Education:** B.S. Turf, Pennsylvania State

**GCSANC Work or Interests:** Running for SNGCSA  
board this winter

**Family:** Wife Julie

**Key People:** Assistants Les Stanton and Andy  
Rundstrum

**Interests Outside of Golf:** Hiking, Skiing, Reading

**Favorite Vacation:** What Vacation?

**Favorite Course to Play:** Saddle Creek Resort

**Course You'd Like to Visit:** St. Andrews

**Strangest Thing You've Witnessed On The Golf  
Course:** One of our vendors running over another  
superintendent with his golf cart

**Worst Comment/Question From a Member:**  
I take the 5<sup>th</sup>!

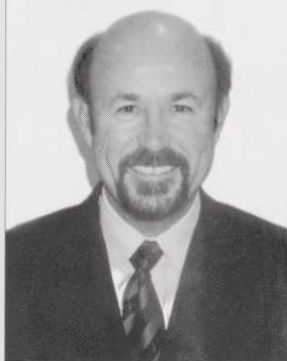
**What You'd Be Doing If You Weren't Involved With  
Golf:** Flipping Burgers

## Saddle Creek Resort To Host GCSANC/SNGCSA Joint Meeting

Rolling through the foothills, the 18-Hole Championship course at Saddle Creek Resort was designed by Carter Morrish and opened in 1996. This scenic and challenging course features both gentle and dramatic changes in elevation. Breathtaking views are just part of the experience, including dramatic views of the Sierras, Yosemite and a plentiful variety of wildlife. Natural lakes, streams and grasses frame each hole with flashed bleach white bunkers to excite every shot. Stretching just over 6,800 yards from the black tees, the championship tees have a slope rating of 137. The mens' tees measure 6,044 yards with a gentle slope rating of 122 and the ladies' tees measure 4,486 yards with a slope rating of 117.



Since opening, the course has received numerous awards, including recognition as the 9<sup>th</sup> best public access course in the state of California by Golf Week Magazine in 2006. In 1997, Golf Digest voted Saddle Creek Resort the 7<sup>th</sup> Best New upscale golf course in the U.S. Golf Digest has also rated Saddle Creek Resort four and a half stars. Only Pebble Beach is rated higher in California with five stars.



NAUMANN'S NORCAL NEWS

**Don Naumann**  
Sierra Pacific Turf Supply

**Corey Isom** has left Cordevalle GC in San Martin to become the new Golf Course Superintendent at The Preserve GC in Carmel. Corey is replacing **Kevin Siring**. Kevin left The Preserve to become a local manufacturer of the material product, Stabilizer... **Jonathan Ivory** has left Marin CC in Novato to take a superintendent position in Massachusetts... **Kevin Iverson** has returned to Sharon Heights CC in Menlo Park to become the new Golf Course Superintendent. Kevin was a former assistant superintendent at Sharon. Kevin takes over for **Bob Rafferty III, CGCS** who has moved on to pursue other opportunities... **Dan Miller** of Half Moon Bay Golf Links has completed the remodeling of the spectacular eighteenth hole of the Links Course. The green was moved and the bluff was modified at the request of the California Coastal Commission.

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## GCSANC NEEDS YOUR FEEDBACK ON PROPOSED GCSAA DUES PRICING STRATEGY

Todd Lyijynen, Superintendent of Diablo Country Club, your GCSAA chapter delegate, wants your feedback on the proposed GCSAA dues pricing strategy to share at the 2006 GCSAA Chapter Delegates Meeting, October 13-15. Todd can be reached by e-mail at [lyijynenx4@comcast.net](mailto:lyijynenx4@comcast.net).

GCSAA members also will have the opportunity to ask questions and offer comments in an online chat with GCSAA Secretary/Treasurer David S. Downing II, CGCS, and Managing Director of Finance Cam Oury, to be scheduled in September.

After the last dues increase, chapter delegates asked GCSAA to develop an easy-to-understand dues pricing system that would (1) keep pace with increasing costs of providing member programs and services and (2) reduce or eliminate the negative impact that large, infrequent dues hikes have had on membership growth and retention, and facility budgets.

To date, GCSAA's board of directors, several GCSAA committees and participants in the 2005 Chapter Delegates Meeting have been involved in developing and refining the proposed "indexed" dues pricing strategy. GCSAA member feedback will be discussed at the 2006 meeting to gauge interest in a potential bylaws proposal to adopt such a system.

**The Details** – The proposed system is designed to make dues increases (Class A, SM and C) more manageable from a planning and budgeting perspective and more clearly tied to actual inflation factors. If adopted, the proposal would delegate authority to the GCSAA board to consider raising dues every two years according to the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Specifically, a maximum potential dues increase would be calculated using the published CPI for 24 months ending on August 31st, and then rounded to the nearest \$5. At the GCSAA Plan and Budget meeting in the fall, the board of directors would determine whether to raise GCSAA dues by that amount, a lesser amount or not at all, taking into account other revenue sources, the association's financial position and other general economic and political factors. The board-approved increase, if any, would then be communicated to GCSAA members so that they could adjust their budgets accordingly, and take effect the following January 1st.

If, however, there were a future need for a dues increase exceeding the maximum tied to the index, it would require a majority vote of the membership at a GCSAA annual or special meeting. The average annual CPI increase over the last ten years has been 2.5%.

**The Impact** – Between 1988 and 2005, GCSAA dues (Class A and SM) rose from \$175 to \$300, with the increases of \$35, \$40 and \$50 – although merited – yielding corresponding drops of 11.3, 6.9 and 6.7 percentage points in the annual membership growth rate.

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# ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT BOOT CAMP

## OCTOBER 1-3, 2006

### ASILOMAR CONFERENCE GROUNDS • PACIFIC GROVE, CA

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2006

4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Registration  
 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Welcome Reception  
 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Dinner  
 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Human & Numeric Resource Manager - Managing a lot of People and a lot of Numbers  
 Shawn Emerson, Director of GCOps, Desert Mountain Properties, Scottsdale, AZ

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2006

6:45 - 7:45 a.m. Investigative Reporting – Tracing a Turf Disease Sample Every Step of the Way  
 Dr. Lane Tredway, Associate Professor, North Carolina State University  
 7:45 - 8:15 a.m. Breakfast  
 8:15 - 10:15 a.m. Field Trip – TBA  
 10:15 - 10:30 a.m. Break  
 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Learning From The Best – Developing Agronomic Programs That Work For You  
 Shawn Emerson, Director of GCOps, Desert Mountain  
 11:30 – 12:00 p.m. Playing Lessons From a Pro – Asking For Help When Your Golf Game Stinks  
 Scott Ferreira, PGA Class A Professional  
 Pasadera Country Club  
 12:00 - 12:45 p.m. Lunch  
 12:45 - 2:00 p.m. Taking Care of Business – What Would Elvis say about Recycled Water  
 Joe Walters, Recycled Water Project Manager  
 West Basin Municipal Water District  
 2:00 – 2:15 p.m. Break  
 2:15 – 2:45 p.m. The Injured Worker  
 Susan Fain, Human Resources Manager, Monterey Peninsula Country Club  
 2:45 – 4:15 p.m. Phosphite fungicides  
 Dr. Lane Tredway  
 4:15 - 4:30 p.m. Break  
 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. Graphic Arts – Before and After  
 Laurie Lee, Owner, Great Graphics  
 5:15 - 6:00 p.m. Finally – I'm the Leader of the Band  
 Lonnie Stevens & Tennessee McBroom  
 6:00 - 6:45 p.m. Dinner  
 6:45 - 8:00 p.m. Off-Site BMP's – Are You At Work When You're Away From The Course?  
 Pat Finlen, CGCS, Director of Golf Maintenance Operations, The Olympic Club  
 8:00 – 8:15 p.m. Six is Enough – What I've Learned And What I Forgot From Six Boot Camps  
 Sean Tully, Assistant Superintendent, The Meadow Club

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2006

6:45 - 7:30 a.m. Assistant Superintendent Panel – Lessons Learned the Hard Way  
 Steven McGlone, Assistant Superintendent - Cypress Point Club  
 Sean Tully, Assistant Superintendent, The Meadow Club  
 7:30 - 8:15 a.m. Breakfast  
 8:15 - 8:30 a.m. Caravan to NCGA offices at Poppy Hills.  
 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Fast Twitch Muscle Development– Breakout Sessions at Breakneck Speeds  
 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. Break and Group Picture  
 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Membership has its Privileges – National and Regional Perspectives  
 Pat Finlen, CGCS, Director of Golf Maintenance Operations, The Olympic Club &  
 Todd Lyjynen, Superintendent, Diablo Country Club  
 11:00 – 12:00 p.m. Public Relations – A Crash Course for You and Your Course  
 Matt Kolbert, Director of Business Development, Panagraph Public Relations, Fresno  
 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. Evaluation- Adjourn/Box Lunch  
 1:00 p.m. Assistant Superintendent Golf Championship – Sponsored by GCSANC  
 Poppy Hills Golf Course, Pebble Beach

# SUPERINTENDENT PRO TOURNAMENT



Besides being outstanding hosts for the Superintendent-Pro Tournament at Sonoma GC, (L to R) Pro John McMullen and Superintendent Mat Dunmyer made sure a hearty donation of surplus golf clubs were included in the shipment slated to be sent to soldiers in Iraq.



The educational presentation on "Teamwork" held just prior to the Superintendent-Pro Golf Tournament was both timely and successful. On hand were (L to R) Guest Speaker U.S. Army Major General Charles Swannack, Jr., GCSANC President Gill Stiles, GCSANC Board Member Brian Netz-CGCS, and Event Sponsor Neil Woolner of Arborwell.



It was time out for a quick photo between pars and birdies at the Superintendent-Pro Tournament, (L to R) Superintendent Mike Nunemacher and team Pro Partner John Hughes, both of Castlewood CC.



Dave Sexton, CGCS and Dick Rudolph are greeted at check-in by Todd Lyijynen and Cliff Peterson.

# CREW APPRECIATION DAY



Peter Herrera and Craig Zellers



The BBQ Crew from Diablo CC with Horizon's John Holmquist



The Crew from Lake Wildwood Association



The Crew from Meadowood Napa Valley



The Crew from Petaluma Golf & Country Club



The Tailgate BBQ



# Events

## September 18

Joint Meeting  
Sierra Nevada Host  
Saddle Creek Resort

## October 1-3

Assistant Meeting / NCGA  
Boot Camp  
Poppy Hills Golf Course

## November 6

Superintendent's Institute  
Poppy Ridge Golf Course

## December

Holiday Party

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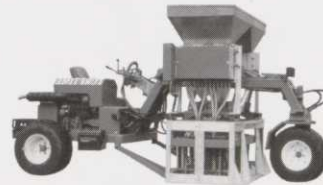
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