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The Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California



Brian Netz, CGCS is all smiles with the Superintendent of the Year award at the CA Golf Writers Banquet in Pebble Beach.



Jim Clark of HortScience was the keynote speaker at the Superintendent's Workshop at the Presidio Golf Course.

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Summer is in full swing and things are busier than ever. Superintendents earn every dime of their paycheck this time of the year while juggling several tasks and trying to keep turf grass alive in stressful conditions. We are a resilient group and our true colors are illustrated during the summer months. Keep things in perspective and don't hesitate to call your colleagues.

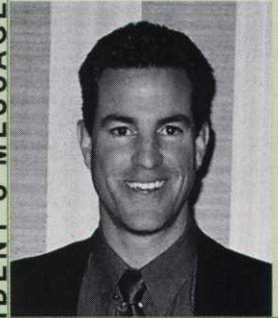
Pat Finlen, CGCS, The Olympic Club took time out of his busy schedule to attend our May Board Meeting at Presidio Golf Course. Pat reviewed our Strategic Plan with the board and offered helpful suggestion to reach our goals outlined in the plan. It was reassuring to see the progress our association has made since the plan was created in early 2005. Our current Board will continue forward and use the Strategic Plan as our roadmap.

The Superintendent Institute will be held at The Course at Wente Vineyards September 24-25th, 2007 in Livermore, CA. **Steve Byrne** of Mira Vista G&CC, **Glenn Mathews** and **Gill Stiles** of Santa Rosa G&CC (Past President) have been working hard on revamping the Institute. The Board decided to combine the Joint Meeting with the Sierra Nevada Chapter and the Institute this year. This should increase participation and provide education hours for several Superintendents. Monday will include a morning shotgun golf tournament followed by a vendor trade show, reception, and other fun events. Tuesday will be a full day of education. Please plan on attending. Details to follow soon.

The 75th Anniversary Celebration will be held at Sequoyah Country Club on Monday, October 15, 2007. You will not want to miss this event, so please mark your calendar today. Being one of our Charter Members, Sequoyah CC is going to be a great host. Look for e-mail updates on this event.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the future meetings.

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OFFICE NOTES

Barb Mikel

GCSANC Association Manager

As I write this column, I'm hearing about drought conditions on both sides of the country. Water restrictions are beginning to increase pressures on golf revenues and it sounds serious. "Chicken Little" or "The Real Thing"?

You may get a better idea by visiting the Georgia GCSA web site where you will find the following (plus a lot more!):

"Level 2 Drought Declared"

"Due to drought conditions across Georgia, the Director of the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has issued a level two drought declaration for the entire state. The declaration requires that Georgians immediately follow a more stringent outdoor water use schedule. "The level two drought schedule is as follows:

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***** This applies to Golf Course Fairways *****

So, that's Georgia not us. Well that's right... for now! It is definitely time to address this issue! We could actually use some eager, intelligent and hard working superintendents to join ongoing efforts regarding water and chemical use in Northern California. If you're interested, please give me a call.

On a brighter and more immediate note, GCSANC is celebrating its 75th year as a superintendent's association. It was originally organized and operated to address issues impacting the greenkeeping profession. A 75th Anniversary Committee co-chaired by GCSANC Director, Brian Morris, CGCS and Brian Bagley has formed and held its first meeting. Thanks to Superintendent Terry Grasso and General Manager Tom Schunn, Sequoyah Golf & Country Club will host our 75th Anniversary Meeting on October 15, 2007.



Chapter members gather at the Villages G&CC for a planning session in preparation for the GCSANC's 75th Anniversary Celebration slated for October. Standing: Ken Williams, Barbara Mikel, Jason Green, Chris Mains, Pete Bowman, Brian Bagley, Dave Davies Seated: Gary Carls, Myrtle Wagoner, Cliff Wagoner, Terry Grasso, Bob Costa

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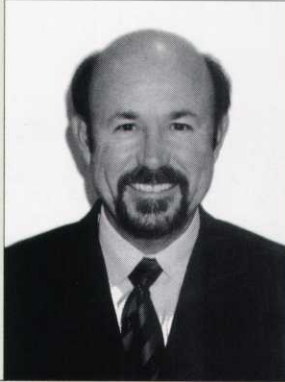


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NAUMANN'S NORCAL NEWS

Don Naumann
Sierra Pacific Turf Supply

Kevin Pryseski, CGCS has just started his renovation at Marin Country Club. It includes rebuilding fairways, greens and tees along with a new irrigation system. John Harbottle is the architect on the project...**Thomas Bastis, CGCS** at California Golf Club, is also in the middle of a renovation project that includes re-routing the front nine, re-grassing the entire course and installing a new irrigation system. His remodel is being designed by Kyle Phillips.... **Mike Sousa** at Richmond CC is midstream on the installation of a new fairway drainage system. It is being installed by Turf Drainage West and David Steel.....**Steve Byrne**, Superintendent at Mira Vista CC, is in his last of a three year fairway drainage project. It is also being installed by T.D.W.....**Ken Williams, CGCS** at Stanford GC is constructing a 30-acre practice facility for the university golf teams and selected donors. Jason Blasi of RTJ II is designing the project; Colony Landscape is doing the construction. The project features six full-scale greens modeled after work of renowned golf course architects.....

GCSANC Institute Coming To Wente Vineyards in September

The 2007 GCSANC Institute is scheduled for September 24th and 25th at The Course at Wente Vineyards. Golf will take place on Monday the 24th mid-morning with the Trade Show following in the afternoon. Wine tasting and hors d'ouvres will be served on the patio behind the 18th green. And for Tuesday, a stellar educational program is in the works. Please save the dates and hope to see you at Wente!



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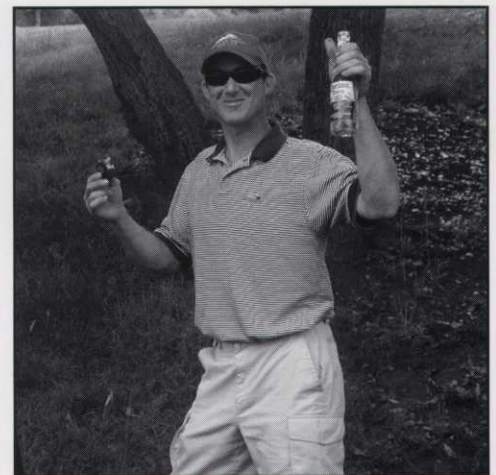


Ken Williams and George Young

On June 4th, Superintendent Jim Paresi of Saratoga CC hosted a number of superintendents for the second annual Carne Asada Classic. Players were treated to 18 holes of golf, an all you can eat Carne Asada barbeque, and plenty of liquid refreshment. Plans are to continue this great event in the years to come!



Mike Hill



Steve Woodruff

PLAY GOLF AMERICA DAY AT HAGGIN OAKS GOLF COURSE IN SACRAMENTO



Growing the game of golf is a collaborative effort. Volunteers gather at The CGCSA booth during Sacramento's Play Golf America Day at Haggin Oaks Golf Complex. (L to R) EWGA Representative Sally Saunders, PGA Director of Instruction Tom Morton, GCSANC/SNGCSA Member Jim Ferrin, (Front) GCSANC Member Jim Irvine, and SNGCSA Affiliate Member Jasmine Schell.



Even the UPS delivery man stops by the CGCSA Booth at Play Golf America Day. (Center) Jasmine Schell (SNGCSA Affiliate member) with Western Farm Services and Jim Irvine (GCSANC Member) discuss the importance of proper ball mark repair.

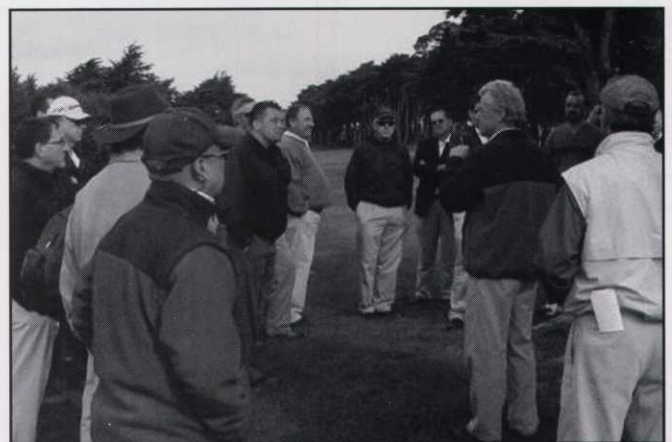
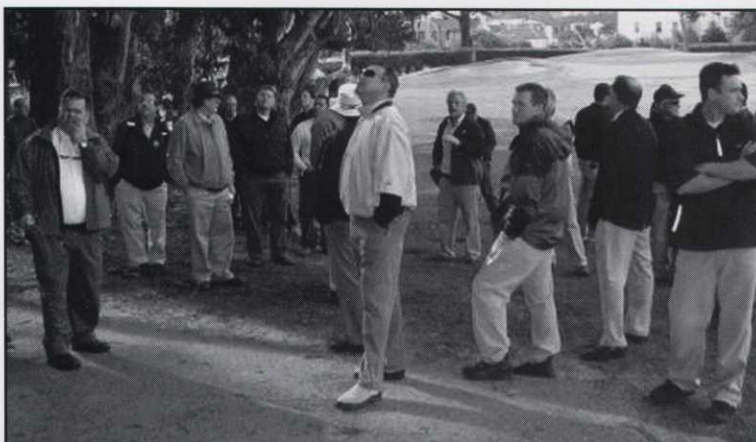
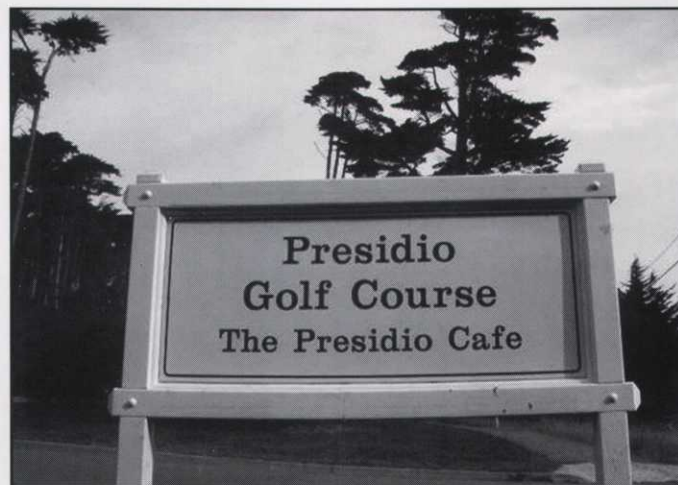
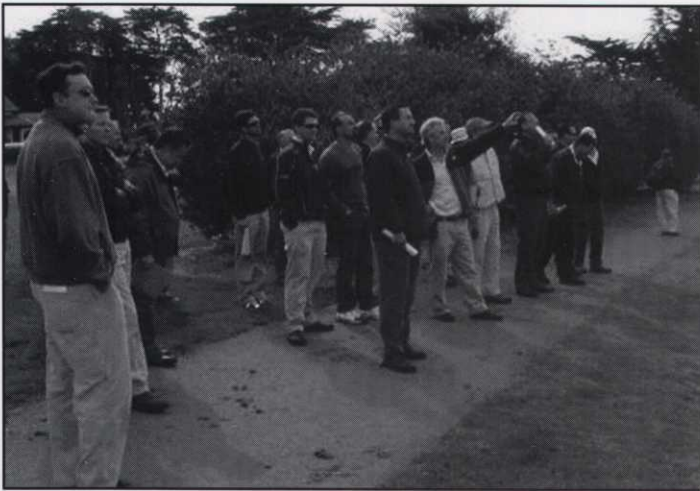


(L to R) Mom and junior learn about proper ball mark repair from GCSANC Member Jim Irvine and SNGCSA President Sam Samuelson.



(L to R) Gathered at the CGCSA Booth during Play Golf America Day are: Host Superintendent and SNGCSA President Sam Samuelson, SNGCSA/GCSANC Member Jim Ferrin, Golf Manager (City of Sacramento) Doug Parker and GCSANC Member Jim Irvine. Free ball mark repair tools provided by the GCSANC were distributed to event participants throughout the day.

SUPERINTENDENT'S FIELD WORKSHOP AT THE PRESIDIO GOLF COURSE



Events



August 1

Crew Appreciation Day
Oakland A's Baseball
McAfee Coliseum Barbeque

September 24-25

Superintendents Institute
Sierra Nevada – GCSANC
Joint Meeting
The Course at Wente Vineyards

October 15

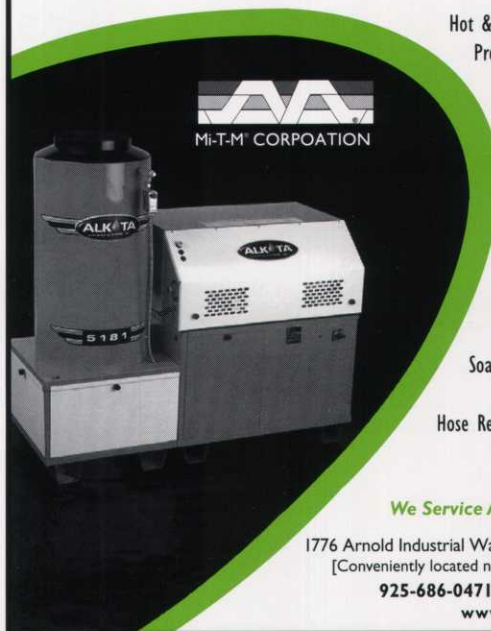
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