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We are well into the New Year and we are gearing up for a great one! This is our 75th year and plans are under way for grand celebration.

Congratulations to our new and returning Board members; Brian Nettz, CGCS, Vice President, Chris Mains, Secretary/Treasurer, Gill Stiles, Past President, Directors Thomas Bastis, CGCS, Steve Byrne, Brian Morris, CGCS, Pete Bowman, CGCS, and Craig Zellers. I appointed Andy Tittle to a one-year term to fill the vacancy of the 4th Director's position. Once again we have a very talented team to lead us this year.

The five areas that I will be focusing on this year are:

1. Communication - There is always room for improvement in this area and our Association is no exception. We will continue using modern technology to publicize as much information as possible. If you have any questions or comments, please don’t hesitate to contact one of the Board members.

2. Events - Continue to analyze each event and verify that it is meeting the membership’s needs (i.e., PDI units, DPR hours, etc.) We need to engage as many members as possible.

3. Strategic Plan - This is our “road map” for the Association and is a living document. The plan will be updated as the Association adjusts to members needs. We will have detailed SOP's written for each Committee this year.

4. Allied Associations - Continue building our working relationships with all of our fellow association (i.e. NCGA, PGA, CMAA, NGCOA, etc.)

5. Camaraderie - This has been the key to our success for the past 74 years. The members of this Association have a wealth of information and are each willing to share their knowledge with one other.

I am looking forward to a great year. Get involved, call your fellow members and invite them to one of our meetings. I assure you, you won’t be sorry you did and you just might make a few new friends in the process.
The President's Report for the Year 1932 (please see page 7) prepared by the first GCSANC President, Wil Rogers, is an interesting document. The cursive writing techniques and straight lines mark the physical document and the man. The ideas, comments and conclusions mark the spirit and challenge of the profession. The strength of this organization's structure and its importance to members are evidenced by the miraculous availability of this document in its original form.

The continuity of golf is also obvious in the number of founding golf courses still operating with current members of this association. Jason Green, San Jose Country Club, President, Brian Nettz, CGCS Presidio Golf Course, Vice President, Thomas Bastis, CGCS, California Golf Club Director and Ken Williams CGCS, Stanford University Golf Course Newsletter Editor are all at founding courses of the GCSANC. Reviewing the Charter members in the membership directory and the GCSANC Past Presidents impresses with the level of professionalism represented and the continued commitment to golf and course maintenance from the charter clubs and superintendents.

The association's historical documents are important reminders of our continued organizational strength and we will continue to share these during the 75th Anniversary year.
Todd Lyijynen  
Golf Course Superintendent  
Diablo Country Club

Employer: Diablo Country Club  
Position: Superintendent  
Years in the Golf Business: 20  
Previous Employment:  
Superintendent - PGA West La Quinta, CA  
Assistant Superintendent - Wolf Creek GC Kansas City, KS  
Assistant Superintendent - Brookridge CC Kansas City, KS  
Education: B.S. Agronomy Michigan State University  
GCSANC Work or Interests: BOD 2005-2006  
Family: Wife - Carrie, Daughter-Aari 11 years old, Son-Alex 9 years old  
Interests Outside of Golf: Coaching youth ice hockey  
IPod?: Can't live without it  
Favorite Vacation: Skiing anywhere in Tahoe  
Best Golf Related Memory: Pebble Beach with my dad on Father's Day  
Favorite Course to Play: Bob O'Link or Pacific Dunes  
Course You'd Like to Visit: National Golf Links, St. Andrews  
Strangest Thing You've Witnessed On The Golf Course:  
Golfers doing a long jump contest into a greenside bunker, tape measure included, while others putted out.  
Worst Comment/Question From a Member: Can you spray all of the trees to prevent pollen because my allergies are bad?  
What You'd Be Doing If You Weren't Involved With Golf: Driving a Zamboni!
Paul Dias, former superintendent at Palo Alto Municipal Golf Course, and most recently the Director of Golf and Parks, has retired from the City of Palo Alto after 25 years of service to the City. Between the Annual Meeting in Santa Rosa and the regional Holiday Parties, one of the best things was seeing some of the long-time familiar faces at the gatherings. Spotted at some of the events were Frank Barberio, Rod Kilcoyne, Joe Rodriguez, Howard Fisher, Mike Clark, Pete Galea and Dean Gump. Vince Keats has left the Napa Valley Country Club and is the new superintendent for 36 holes at Deer Ridge and Shadow Lakes Golf Courses in Brentwood. Sean Batastini is replacing Vince at Napa Valley Country Club. Sean, a native of the Napa area, had been the superintendent at Hiddenbrooke Country Club in Vallejo prior to his move. Todd Gillies has accepted the superintendent position at Hiddenbrooke Country Club. Todd was the Superintendent at Monarch Bay Golf Course in San Leandro before accepting his new position.
THE 1932 PRESIDENT’S REPORT

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Bruce Olsen, Superintendent, Emerald Hills Golf Course; Gary Ingram, Superintendent, Metropolitan Golf Links, and Guest Speaker Sandy Tantum

Peter Galea, CGCS, Pajaro Valley Golf Club; Dean Gump, Superintendent, Pasatiempo Golf Club and Tim Powers, CGCS, Crystal Springs Golf Course.

Guest Speakers Sandy Tatum and Ron Read, U.S. Golf Association

Meeting Hosts Mike McCullough, NCGA, Director of Turfgrass Services; Jason Green, President, GCSANC, and Vince Keats, CGCS, Superintendent, Deer Creek and Shadow Lakes Golf Courses
Special Recognition for GCSANC Award Winners

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California (GCSANC) recognized five of its members for their contributions within the turfcare industry. Chapter President and Master of Ceremonies Gill Stiles presented the awards at the GCSANC Annual Meeting held January 22, 2007, at Santa Rosa Golf & Country Club. Nearly 100 association members and turfcare industry representatives were in attendance at the meeting and awards ceremony.

The Superintendent of the Year Award was presented to Golf Course Superintendent Brian Nettz, CGCS, from The Presidio Golf Course (San Francisco, CA) for his contributions to the association. Nettz serves as vice president for the GCSANC and is a member of its Education Committee and Strategic Planning Committee. He has been a supporter of the nationally recognized GCSANC Ball Mark Repair Tool Program, promoted in conjunction with Play Golf America and its player development initiatives.

“I enjoy being involved with our association, especially with programs and initiatives that help our members,” said top honoree Brian Nettz. “I never imagined I’d receive an award for my service to the association. I’m humbled by the honor, and amazed by it all…I really am.”

Prior to The Presidio, Nettz was a golf course superintendent at the 36-hole Bayonet/Blackhorse Golf Course (Seaside, CA). His turfcare experience also includes assistant superintendent positions at Richmond Country (Richmond, CA), Somerset Country Club (St. Paul, MN) and Wakonda Club (Des Moines, IA). Through the assistance of a Trans-Mississippi Golf Association Scholarship, Nettz earned a degree in Turfgrass Management from the University of Minnesota. He also holds the distinction as a Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS) from the GCSAA.

“Brian Nettz, CGCS is a tremendous individual who cares

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**Events**

**March 12**  
USGA NGCA  
Diablo Country Club

**May 3**  
Presidio Golf Course  
Field Day

**June 11**  
Superintendent Pro

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