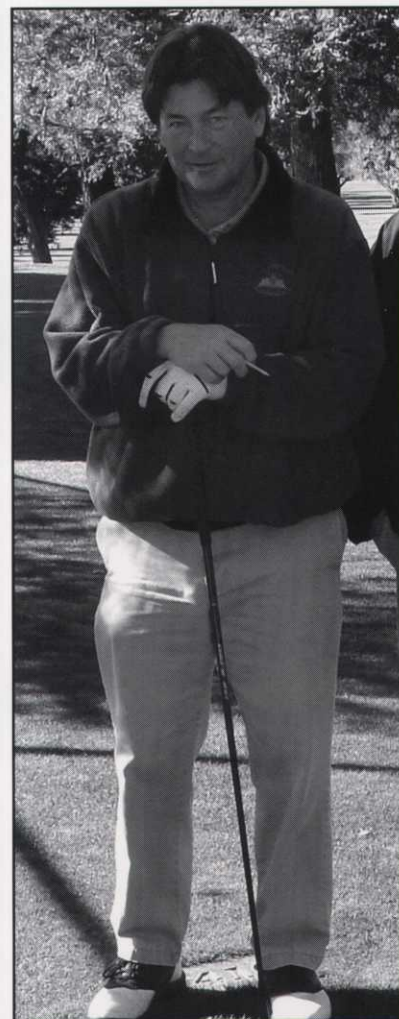


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We are well into the New Year and we are gearing up for a great one! This is our 75th year and plans are under way for grand celebration.

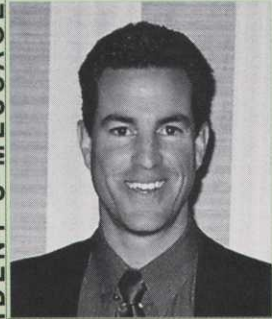
Congratulations to our new and returning Board members; Brian Netz, CGCS, Vice President, Chris Mains, Secretary/Treasurer, Gill Stiles, Past President, Directors Thomas Bastis, CGCS, Steve Byrne, Brian Morris, CGCS, Pete Bowman, CGCS, and Craig Zellers. I appointed Andy Tittle to a one-year term to 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, NCGOA, 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.

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OFFICE NOTES

Barb Mikel,
GCSANC Association Manager

75 Years

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 Netz, 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.



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SUPER PROFILE

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

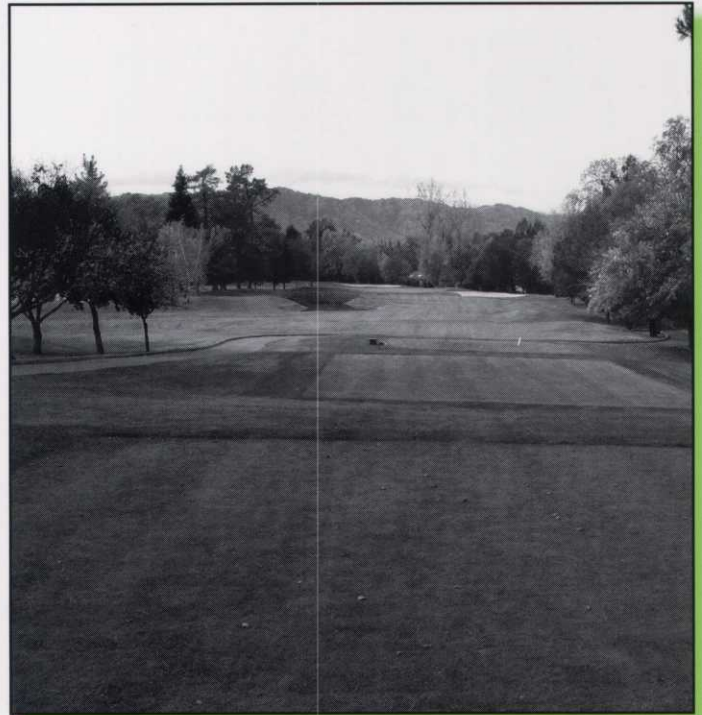
Course You'd Like to Visit: National Golf Links, St. Andrews

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!

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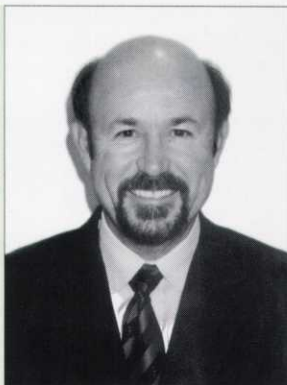
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NAUMANN'S NORCAL NEWS

Don Naumann
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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 Rodriquez, 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.

GCSANC New Reclassified Members February 2007

NAME	POSITION	COURSE/COMPANY
Matthew Muhlenbruch	Asst. Superintendent Class C	The Olympic Club
Adam Warring	Asst. Superintendent Class C	Links at Bodega Harbour
Tom Gray	Superintendent Class A	Corde Valle Golf Club
Chris Von Rueden	Asst. Superintendent Class C	Corde Valle Golf Club
Jerry Bibbey	Superintendent Class A	Summitpoint Golf Club
Eric Buckelew	Company Rep. Affiliate	TMT Enterprises
D. Cord Ozment, CGCS	Superintendent Class A	Callippe Preserve Golf Course
Ryan Hess	Asst. Superintendent Class C	Callippe Preserve Golf Course
Del Fitchett	Superintendent Class A – GCSAA membership in progress	Oakhurst Country Club
Gene Vigil	Superintendent Supt. Member	Pine Meadow Golf Course
John Krueger	Superintendent Supt. Member – GCSAA membership in process	Vintner's Golf Club
Michael R. Phillips	Superintendent Class A	Del Monte Golf Course
Michael Souza	Superintendent Class A – Class change from SM	Richmond Country Club
Damon Di Giorgio	Superintendent Supt. Member – Class change from C	Roco Ki Beach and Golf Club
Damian Guzman	Superintendent Supt. Member – Class change from C	Rancho Del Pueblo Golf Course
Patrick Macaulay	A Retired – Class Change from A	
Stacy Wallace	Superintendent Supt. Member – Class change from C	Stone Tree Golf Club
Daniel Gutierrez	Superintendent Supt. Member – Class change from C	Eagle Ridge Golf Club
James Irvine	Class A Life – Class change from SM	
Peter Sandoval	C Retired – Class change from C	
Brian Koffler	Superintendent Supt. Member – Class change from C	The Olympic Club
Kevin Iverson	Superintendent Supt. Member – Class change from C	Sharon Heights Golf and CC
Clifford Peterson	A Inactive – Class change	
Rick Jakobs	C Inactive – Class change	
Brian Hall	SM Inactive – Class change	
Homer Hartwig	A Inactive – Class change	

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THE 1932 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jan Meeting 3
 Presidents Report 1932
 The year 1932 has now passed into history. it was a year which the greenkeepers will remember as the time when all turf ailments were stacked against him. He had a week of record low temperature which gave most of us another experience in caring for greens. as an association it should give us great courage and a measure of satisfaction to know that we are gaining in numbers and prestige. after being organized only nine months, and this is but rightly so for our aim is not only to better conditions for ourselves but for every individual that plays golf in this section.
 The past nine months we have had some very interesting meetings and some good talks on fertilizers upkeep etc. The start we have made in this direction proves that it is practical to arrange a series of lectures on any subject that pertains to our line of work.

I would like to call the attention of every greenkeeper in our organization that the time of one day a month would be well spent in attending these meetings. we must never let up in our efforts to make our gatherings worth while so that on leaving we may have attained some knowledge of greenkeeping that we did not have before.
 I wish at this time to extend my thanks to Mr Bishop, Mr Graves and Chas Berg for the efforts they made in demonstrating their various pieces of equipment. I would like to see one meeting day set apart for such demonstrations and invite the heads of the various clubs to be our guests on that day. It would bring to their attention the real value of this organization. Greenkeeping to day is something more than pushing a hand mower. The weather nature is continually working not for the greenkeeper but against him. here in California she is at it


the gear round. bringing on her vast array of pests such as wire worms, cut worms, ants grubs, red mildew, soot, etc. Every one of these could ruin a fine piece of turf in short order if not controlled, and we must know how to do the right thing at the right time. I mention these things to emphasize the fact that delay is dangerous in treating any of the above pests. it is up to the man on the job to act and act quick.
 In closing it is a pleasure to mention the fine fellowship that prevails throughout the organization and I cannot overlook the excellent work done by our secretary Sam Smith wishing you all a very prosperous New Year
 Yours truly
 W. H. Rogers
 President

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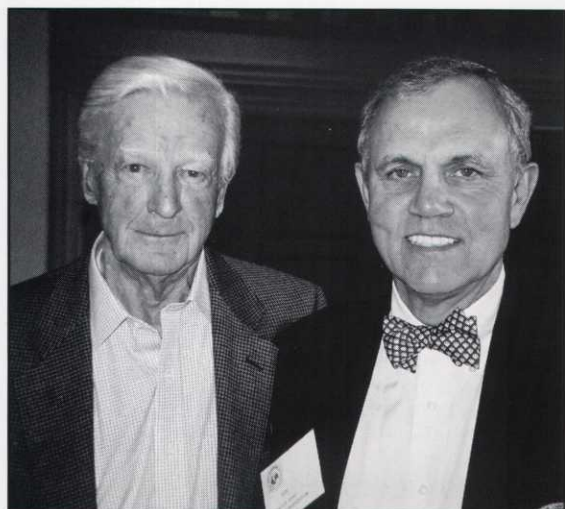
Affiliates reach out at the Annual Meeting



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



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



AFFILIATE PROFILE

Pete Bowman, CGCS

Employer: UAP Professional Products

Position: Territory Manager

Years in the Business: 30

Previous Employment: Sierra Pacific Turf Supply; Diablo Grande, Patterson; Merced Hills GC, Merced; Micke Grove GC, Lodi; David L Baker GC, Fountain Valley; Heartwell GC, Long Beach; Brookside GC, Pasadena; San Luis Obispo CC, San Luis Obispo; Tilden Park GC, Berkeley and last but not least... Paperboy, Berkeley - 5 years.

Education: B.S. Ornamental Horticulture, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo-1985

GCSANC Work or Interests: However and wherever I can help.

Other Organizations: GCSAA Member 23 years. Served on several committees; Sierra Nevada GCSA-President 1995, Affiliate Rep. 3 years.; California GCSA-President 1995, Affiliate Rep 2 years.

Family: Married 26 years to wife Nina, whom I met while working at Tilden Park GC in Berkeley. Son Peter, 25, is in his third year of Dentistry at the University of West Virginia, and will be getting married in July. Daughter Sarah, 23, is a graduate of San Francisco State University. Son Michael, 17, is a high school junior.

Outside Interests: Little League and High School Baseball Umpire; golf; snow skiing; jumping off really high rocks (as long as there is water below!)

Favorite Vacation: Visiting in-laws in southern New Hampshire during October Fall color.

Favorite Course: To Work On - Tilden Park GC; To Play - Bandon Dunes/Pacific Dunes

Course You'd Like to Visit: St. Andrews

Strangest Thing You've Witnessed On The Golf Course: Me getting chased out of - and then back into - and finally back out of the maintenance shop at Tilden Park GC by a skunk about 25 years ago. Smelling like a skunk, I mowed greens anyway. My wife, who wasn't my wife back then, wouldn't let me in the restaurant to get a cup of coffee. I married her anyway.

Worst Comment From a Golfer: A golfer on the driving range at Tilden Park GC was unintentionally slicing nearly every shot dead right over the netting into the maintenance yard. When asked by his romance novel reading girlfriend why they keep going over that fence, his reply: "That's how you know how good a golfer is...when he can hit 'em out of the ballpark like that." She believed him, thinking he must be really good!

What You'd Be Doing If You Weren't Involved With UAP: Umpiring baseball as far as I could go with it. If that didn't pay the bills, then I'd probably grow grass again somewhere.

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 Netz, CGCS**, from **The Presidio Golf Course** (San Francisco, CA) for his contributions to the association. Netz 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 Netz. "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, Netz 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, Netz 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 Netz, CGCS is a tremendous individual who cares

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Events



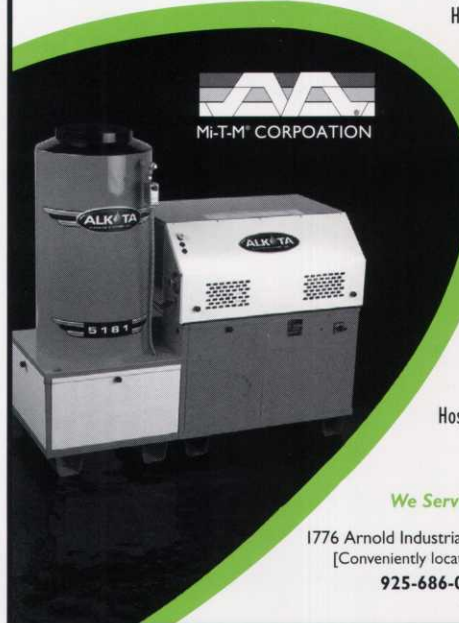
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