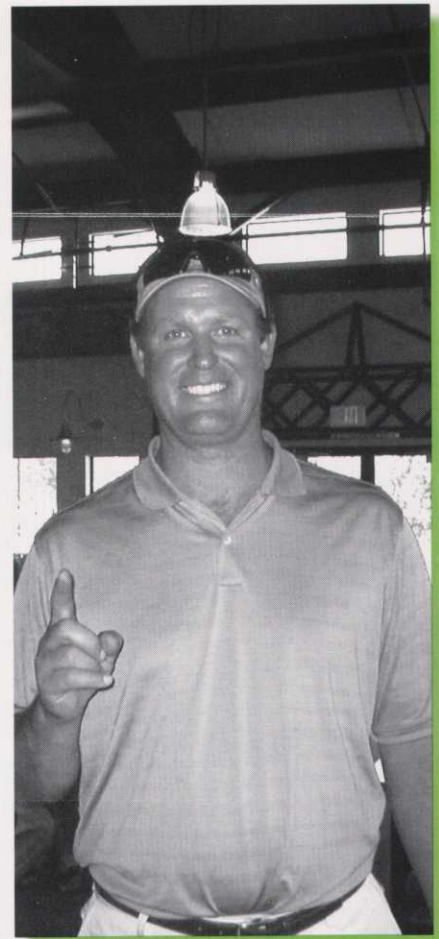


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John Holmquist, Aaron Finnegan, Greg Jetter, Dale Simpson at The Bert Graves Memorial Scholarship and Research Tournament.



Jeff Arneson of Redwood Empire CC made a hole-in-one at The Bert Graves Memorial Scholarship and Research Tournament.

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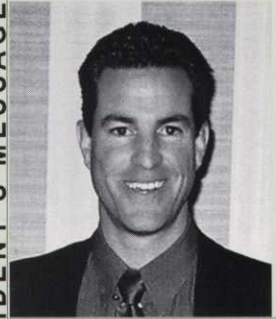
Winter is finally here and hopefully everyone's schedule has slowed down to a comfortable pace. The shorter days, and with any luck, wet weather forces us to breath easier and work a normal 40-hour workweek. This is the time of the year when we get caught up on reading those articles that got tossed aside in the chaotic summer months, enjoy some well deserved R&R, and best of all reacquaint ourselves with our families.

Don't hang up the golf clubs just yet. November 11th – 13th is the CGCSA Annual Conference, Trade Show and Golf Championship in Monterey. Also, this December, GCSANC will be hosting four regional Holiday Gathering events. These casual events proved very successful last year and this year should be no different.

As this year comes to an end, I can't help but reflect back on all of the great events this year. From Sandy Tatum's speech at the Annual Meeting in January, hearing Jim Tunney's stories at the Superintendent Pro tournament, to our grand 75th Anniversary Celebration at Sequoyah Country Club this past October. What an impressive year it has been and there is still more to come. A huge Thank You to all the volunteers and sponsors involved contributing to the success of these events!

I look forward to seeing everyone in Monterey and at the Regional Holiday Gatherings.

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OFFICE NOTES

Barb Mikel

GCSANC Association Manager

It has been a busy spring, summer and now, fall. Looking back to March, I was asking for volunteers for the 75th Anniversary Committee. Well, GCSANC association members answered the call. The group was a good one! My thanks go out to all of you who participated in each and every way. There are some very talented younger members in your association as well as some very gifted "experienced" ones.

The California GCSA meeting in Monterey November 12-15 should be a good one. The education program is excellent and it is a good time for a relaxed golf tournament. Monterey is a favorite get-away, hope you can find time to enjoy it.

Membership renewals are on the way. Please make every effort to get all your updated information back to the office. The changes necessary are on the renewal form. Please make sure it's returned with your payment. You will receive two copies. One is for your office and the other one is to return to GCSANC.

See you in Monterey!



2007 Institute Planning Committee Members gather for a quick photo near The Course at Wente Vineyards. (L to R) SNGCSA – GCSACC Association Manager Irene Cline, Co-Chairman Steve Byrne, Host Superintendent Glenn Matthews, GCSANC Association Manager Barbara Mikel and GCSANC President Jason Green.

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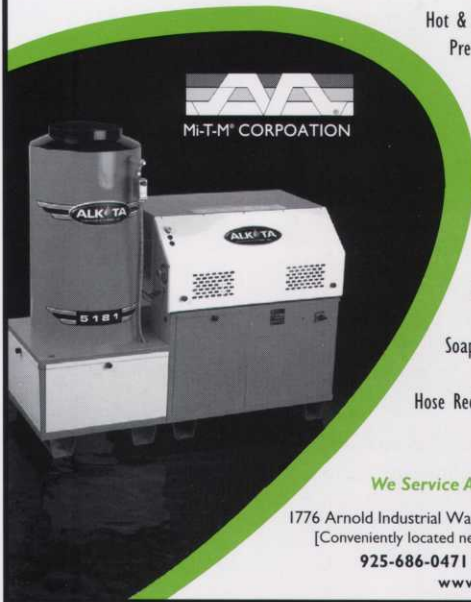
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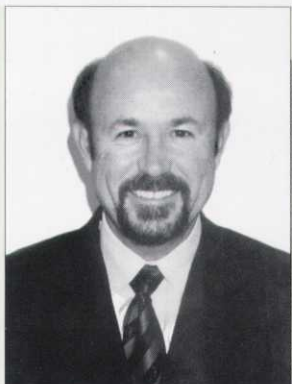
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NAUMANN'S NORCAL NEWS

Don Naumann
Sierra Pacific Turf Supply

Blessed with better than average weather, most local superintendents enjoyed an excellent disease year. Movement of superintendents among courses has been slow as well. There have been some projects going on some of the local courses. Ryegrass conversion seems to be the name of the game. At Sharon Heights, **Kevin Iverson**, Palo Alto Hills, **Andrew Morgan**, and at Boulder Ridge, **Shane Ferrill** have all embarked on converting their existing grasses to 100 % perennial ryegrass. All three had their courses closed for a period of time in order to get the work done in a timely manner..... **Dean Gump, CGCS** at Pasatiempo Golf Club in Santa Cruz has just completed a restoration project returning the course to its original design. Recently rebuilt are many of the green complexes on the back nine.....

GCSANC AND SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCES THE GREENSKEEPERS APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

The GCSANC Board of Directors is proud to announce the collaborative efforts of the GCSANC and the San Joaquin Office of Education in providing a state sponsored, 18 month apprenticeship program for golf course greenskeepers. The program is an exciting venture for the GCSANC to help better educate and develop strong golf course management teams from the ranks of employees currently employed on your golf course.

The program is a blend of classroom time, field trips and in-the-field training. It will consist of volunteers from the ranks of golf course staff who seek to better themselves, their facility, and an Affiliate/Superintendent/Assistant member who will teach. Teachers are paid per hour based on the number of students with positive hour attendance. We hope to focus our efforts in smaller geographic areas to facilitate students' transit time and to make the classroom education time immediately after workday completion. We are also hoping to utilize the generosity of local superintendents to host the once-weekly classroom meetings in their maintenance facility.

The program includes: basic first aid and CPR, fertilizer and chemical applications, basic English as a second language, safe equipment operation, golf course etiquette and irrigation. It is hoped that employees who attend and finish the program will be better prepared to handle more responsibility and consequently compensated accordingly.

We need students!!! Please talk to your staff and get some individuals who are serious about improving themselves and their chances for promotion and pay. If you are interested in helping or have students that are interested, please contact: Brian Nettz, CGCS, Superintendent, Presidio Golf Course at 415.561.4615 or bnettz@palmergolf.com.

Again, this is an exciting opportunity for GCSANC members. We hope to make this a fruitful future endeavor for our Association and the individuals that make the Association.

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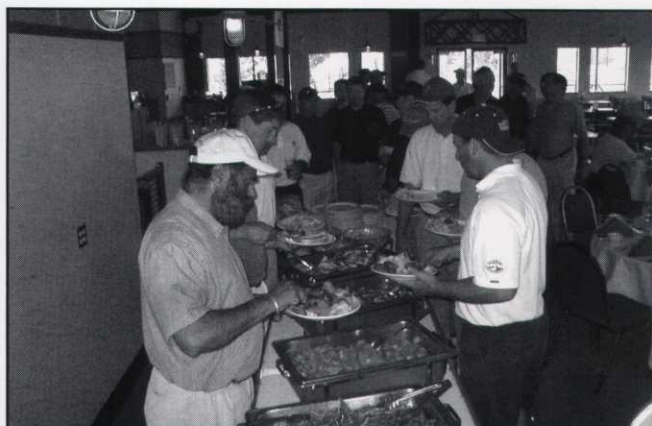
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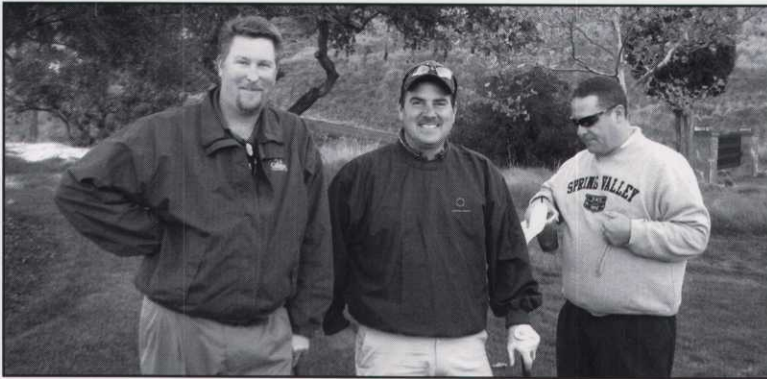


Participants filled up on a New York Steak Dinner



Cal Poly SLO Scholarship Winner Andy Magnasco

THE SUPERINTENDENTS INSTITUTE



New Affiliate Member Aaron Finnegan. Mike Nunemacher and Chris Mains make the rounds at The Course at Wente Vineyards.



The Course at Wente Vineyards served as an ideal spot for those doing research in preparation for the GCSANC 75th Anniversary Celebration. (L to R) Dave Davies, CGCS, Wayne Mikel and Brian Bagley.



2007 Institute Speakers gather outside the Tasting Room at Wente Vineyards (L to R) Ali Harivandi, Ph.D.; Terry Vassey, Ph.D.; Frank Wong Ph.D.; Patrick Gross; Thomas Ruehr, Ph.D.; Bradley S. Klein, Ph.D.; and Host Superintendent Glenn Matthews.



Jason Green, Cardero Hines, Gary Ingram, CGCS and Jesus Tijero. Cardero and Jesus are students working with Gary.



New Affiliate Board Member Joe Kurung (right) chats with Travis Hoiseth.



Steve Byrne congratulating Wente hole-in-one maker Mike Farmen!

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