

GCSANC QUICK PROFILE

Name: Glenn Matthews

Employer: The Course at Wente Vineyards

Position: Director of Maintenance

Years in the Golf Business: 18

Previous Employment: Balboa Park G.C. (San Diego), Singing Hills Resort (San Diego), Steele Canyon C.C. (San Diego), San Luis Obispo C.C.

Education: Cuyamaca College
A.S. Ornamental Horticulture
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo – B.S. Soil Science

Other Organizations: Central California GCSA, San Diego GCSA

Family: Single

Interests Outside of Golf: Softball, Soccer, Fishing, Music, Travel

iPod? : John Mayer, All American Idiots, Jack Johnson

Favorite Vacation: Golf in Scotland

Best Golf Related Memory: Making birdie on the 18th hole at Carnoustie (I almost cried)

Favorite Course to Play: The Old Course at St. Andrews

Course You'd Like to Visit: Bandon Dunes

Strangest Thing You've Witnessed On The Golf Course: Two grown men fighting on the first green after one accused the other of being a cheater. I broke up the fight, but not until one of them had broken his putter over the back of the other. They both finished the skins game.

Worst Comment/Question From a Member: "I can't believe a course as nice as this has artificial greens."
– Wente Vineyards

What You'd Be Doing If You Weren't Involved With Golf: I would be working in a vineyard.



CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE FOR GOLF

Front Row:

Ted Horton, CGCOA & GCSANC, Pat Gross, USGA, Bill Aragona, NCGOA, Mike Huck, Industry Consultant

Middle Row:

Carol Pence, NCPGA & LPGA, Kevin Heaney, SCGA, Pat Blalock, WSCGA, Craig Kessler, PLGA, George Steffes, Government Liaison, Mike McCullough, NCGA & GCSANC, Emmy Moore Minister, GCSANC Communications Consultant

Back Row:

Chris Thomas, NCPGA, Tyler Jones, NCGA & PGA, Bob Bouchier, CAG & CSCA, David Bill, NCGA, Tom Schunn, CMA and GCSANC Associate Member, Mike Tinkey, NCGOA

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CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE FOR GOLF UPDATE

Members of the California Alliance for Golf convened recently at the Northern California Golf Association (NCGA) Headquarters at Poppy Hills Golf Course to discuss issues impacting golf in California.

During the half-day session industry leaders appointed Mr. Bob Bouchier as interim executive director for the organization. Prior, Bouchier was actively involved with the California State Club Association.

GCSANC Member Mike McCullough (who also serves as NCGA Director of Environmental & Water Resources) provided an informative update surrounding water issues in California. Governmental Liaison Representative George Steffes was on hand to provide a legislative update to alliance members.

The California Alliance for Golf is currently based from the NCGA Headquarters in Pebble Beach, CA. The group originally came together through the California Golf Economic Study in 2001. The committee gained momentum in 2003 when concerns emerged about water resources for golf facilities in the State of California.

The organization has initiated discussions with Stanford Research Institute (SRI) regarding an updated economic study.

2007 GCSANC CREW APPRECIATION DAY A HUGE SUCCESS!

By: Chris Mains, Superintendent, Spring Valley Golf Course

The Annual Crew Appreciation Day was held on August 1st at McAfee Coliseum, and by all accounts, was a solid success. There were 126 attendees including a dedicated group of four that traveled all the way down from Eureka! The weather could not have been better, with plenty of sunshine and warm temperatures.

Everyone that attended was treated to a great barbeque lunch. Tending to the busy barbeque was the talented Joe Kurung from West Coast Sand and Gravel. He bravely stood over the hot barbeque with the hungry group staring him down from the opposite side. Soon the hot dogs and hamburgers were ready and the gang lined up for a friendly parking lot feast.

After everyone had had their fill of good food, Steve Byrne, the master organizer of this event and Superintendent at Mira Vista Golf and Country Club, picked up his megaphone and began a raffle for the attendees. Three great prizes were given out – an autographed baseball, a group of A's tickets, and Wente concert tickets. Everyone then went into the ballpark to enjoy a well-played ballgame between our beloved A's and the Detroit Tigers. The seats were fantastic with a great view of the field and the A's bullpen. The icing on the cake for such a great day was the A's winning the closely contested game 3-2.

The Board of Directors would like to extend a big thank you to Joe Kurung and Steve Byrne for all the hard work making this event a huge success! Hope to see you next year!

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COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS STAY CLOSE TO THE VINE OF KNOWLEDGE AT THE 2007 INSTITUTE & TRADE SHOW SET FOR THE COURSE AT WENTE VINEYARDS

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California is pleased to announce that the 2007 Golf Course Superintendent's Institute is set for September 24-25, 2007 at The Course at Wente Vineyards located in the heart of the Livermore Valley Wine Country.

Now celebrating its 27th year, The Institute continues to serve as an educational retreat for golf course superintendents, affiliate and allied members. This educational conference and trade show will include industry leaders speaking on topics pertinent to the successful operation and maintenance of golf facilities. The conference will also feature golf and wine tasting at the beautiful Livermore Valley site.

Keynote speaker for The Institute is Bradley S. Klein, Ph.D., architecture editor for Golfweek and editor-at-large for TurfNet Magazine. His presentation entitled: Golf, The Impossible Profession has been touted as an offbeat analysis of how superintendents, golf pros and club managers can thrive in an excessively competitive business that offers long hours, low margins and inflated consumer expectations. Klein, author of several books including "Rough Meditations" and "Discovering Donald Ross" also oversees Golfweek's "America's Best" a golf course rating program that publishes annual lists of the top-100 Classic and Modern Courses.

The California Turf Disease Update: The Year 2007 in Review and Forecasts for 2008, will be provided by Frank Wong, Ph.D. Dr. Wong is a specialist with the Department of Plant Pathology and Microbiology at the University of California Riverside who noted, "I'll review what was hot, what was not, and forecasts for what to expect in 2008." Due to his ongoing turfgrass disease research, Wong is a returning guest lecturer at The Institute.

Patrick Gross, Southwestern Region Director with the USGA Green Section will discuss Water, Pesticides, and the Environment- Where are we Now? As part of his assignment with the USGA, Gross shares valuable information on golf course maintenance issues with superintendents throughout the region.

Additional educational conference presenters will include experts from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA. Terry Vassey, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Turfgrass and Golf Course Management in the Environmental Horticulture Unit, and Thomas Ruehr, Ph.D., with the Irrigation Training & Research Center and the Environmental Biotechnology Institute will complete the list of respected speakers. Due to the impressive list of industry speakers, this year's Institute will also serve as a joint meeting between

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GCSANC 75TH ANNIVERSARY

H. CHANDLER EGAN

Everett Legion Memorial Course, he came down with pneumonia and died in April 1936.

Henry Chandler Egan was well respected by all in the world of golf. The sportswriter Grantland Rice wrote of Egan: "He represents one of the most remarkable figures left in golf. [Egan is] a fine swinger and a cool, stout-hearted competitor." And E.B. Yoakum, president of the California Golf Association designated that the award to the low gross winner of the California Amateur Championship was to be the H. Chandler Egan Memorial Trophy.

Joe Tudisco, History Committee

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the Northern California and Sierra Nevada chapters
of the Golf Course Superintendents Association.

The Institute is co-chaired by Ali Harivandi, Ph.D.,

an Environmental Horticulturalist with the University
of California Cooperative Extension and GCSANC
Education Committee Chairman Steve Byrne of Mira
Vista Golf & Country Club.