The Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California

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Fall is around the corner and hopefully a wet winter is upon us. It's time to get the aerification equipment ready and begin relieving all of the summer stress on our greens. Many superintendents have commented that although the summer has been long, it has been fairly moderate. But, all would agree, that we can't wait for winter!

I am pleased to announce that Joe Kurung of West Coast Sand and Gravel has been appointed to the GCSANC Board as an Affiliate Director. Joe is filling the year term for Craig Zellers. Craig respectfully resigned due to his new business venture.

Our July Board meeting was hosted by GCSAA via a web cast. This was a trial run for the Board and the first web cast for many Board members including myself. The web cast proved to be very productive and efficient. Board members did not have to drive 1-2 hours to attend a 2-hour meeting. Instead, they were able to log on right from their desk at work or home and upon completion of the meeting, head out to their course. The web cast was recorded and can be viewed by any member, anytime. Please contact Barb at the office if you are interested in accessing the July Board meeting web cast.

The Board voted to open one Certified Deposit (CD) to maximize our interest rate for our money that was in the savings account. This decision was based on our Strategic Plan. The Board also adopted a new logo to be revealed at our 75th Anniversary Celebration.

The GCSANC has had some great events this year and the camaraderie will continue. September 24-25th, 2007 is our Superintendent Institute held at The Course at Wente Vineyards in Livermore, CA. Then on October 15th, 2007 is our 75th Anniversary Celebration to be held at Sequoyah Country Club. Please plan on attending these exciting events and meet some fellow members who make up this great association.
Thanks to the efforts of the Programs Committee, chaired by Steve Byrne, your fall GCSANC schedule will be filled with some great venues and events! Make plans to attend!

September 24-25, The Course at Wente Vineyards will host the Superintendents Institute/SNGCS and GCSANC Joint meeting. The Education Committee has a great lineup of speakers and presenters for this event. Education credits will be available. Host Superintendent Glenn Matthews has a great golf course awaiting your play! Don’t let this opportunity for fall fun and education slip by.

October 15, 2007, Sequoyah Country Club will host 75th Anniversary Celebration. Bob Murphy, “Voice of Stanford Sports”, Ricky D Heine, CGCS, GCSAA President, and Patrick R. Finlen, CGCS GCSAA Director are some of the distinguished guests participating in the event.

LOOKING FOR AN OLD FRIEND?

Try www.californiagcsa.org to stay in touch. GCSANC is participating in the California GCSC online membership directory. Your GCSANC membership provides access to the California GCSC Web Site for the online membership database. All “email enabled” members recently received notification to check information and make needed changes to this searchable database.

Those of you not “e-enabled” are also included in the database. If you have internet access (available at most libraries) take a look. You can find telephone numbers and addresses as well.

LOOKING FOR A NEW POSITION?

Your GCSANC membership provides job availability notices. Golf courses, superintendents and industry partners seeking employees frequently request this service. The distribution is to all active dues paying is via e-mail or fax. Distribution for positions available for the state of California is also posted on the California GCSC Web Site.

Each distribution I receive some “undeliverable mail” or rejected fax numbers bounced e-mails, blocked e-mail etc. We do attempt to check out the “bad addresses” but are not completely successful. As the internet world gets more security and junk mail sensitive, the more “bounced” e-mails.

Some of you are unintentionally screening communications with the association via your personal e-mail filters. Some clubs and company web sites filter your communications without your knowing. Fax numbers may change, telephone numbers too.

If you haven’t been receiving these notices and would like to check for up-to-date information, please call or email the office. Hope to see you this fall!

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Mike Garvale, CGCS is the new liaison between the City and County of San Francisco and the PGA. He is working for Kemper Golf at Harding Park Golf Course, which is preparing for the President’s Cup Tournament. Matt Dunmeyer has left Sonoma Golf Club to become the superintendent at Rock Creek Golf Club in Deer Lodge, Montana. It is a new Tom Doak golf course. He is being replaced by his assistant Jason Goss. The Links at Bodega Harbour started a bunker renovation project in July. Robert Trent Jones Jr. is doing a redesign of most of the bunkers at The Harbour. The work is estimated to take eight to ten weeks.

Don Naumann
Sierra Pacific Turf Supply

Want To Attend A Golf Industry Event Abroad?

Now’s Your Chance

Bernhard & Co Is Sponsoring A Trip For
10 GCSAA Class A Members To England!

Ten GCSAA Class A members will travel to the British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association’s (BIGGA) Turf Management Exhibition (BTME), January, 21-26, 2008 in Harrogate, England.

Bernhard and Company, manufacturers of Express Dual and Anglemaster, is sponsoring the delegation for a second year as part of their ongoing educational initiative.

Delegates chosen will have the opportunity to attend Europe’s largest golf and sports turf managers conference and exhibition. Attendees will participate in education seminars, network with greenkeepers from the UK and Europe, and visit several different styles of golf courses in England.

2007 Delegate Ken Williams, GCSAA Certified Golf Course Superintendent at Stanford University Golf Club said, “Becoming a GCSAA Delegate and attending BTME was one of the best things I’ve done professionally. I was able to travel to the UK with nine other top US superintendents and share experiences. Everyone at BIGGA and BTME went out of their way to make sure we had a great experience at their conference and show. It was something that truly inspired me and something I will always remember.”

Bernhard and Company will cover expenses for airfare, accommodation, conference registration, education seminars and transportation.

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Henry Chandler Egan and Alistair Mackenzie were hired in 1930 to redesign the Sequoyah golf course and the drawing of their work may be seen in the Sky Room at Sequoyah. Only a small portion of his redesign was ever completed by Sequoyah.

In 1928 Egan was asked if he would redesign the Pebble Beach course to make it in top form for its first US Amateur tournament scheduled for 1929. He then formed a partnership with Alistair Mackenzie, the famous golf architect who had designed Augusta National, Cypress Point and others. Egan, by the way, participated in the 1929 US Amateur. He was 47 years of age and reached the semi-finals. Egan fell in love with the area and bought a home in Del Monte.

Egan was born in Chicago in 1884. At age 12, he learned to play golf at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, where his family had a summer home. He became quite accomplished at the game and in 1902, at age 18, won the Western Amateur title. In this same year, as a sophomore at Harvard University, he won the Inter Collegiate Championship. Egan won it again in 1904.

A summary of his golf accomplishments include U.S. Champion 1904 and 1905 and Finalist 1903; Western Amateur Champion 1902, 1904, 1905 and 1907 and Finalist 1903; Pacific Northwest Golf Association Amateur Championship 1915, 1920, 1923, 1925 and 1932 and Finalist 1914 and 1921; Walker Cup Team Member 1934 (at age 50). Egan was inducted into the Pacific Northwest Golf Hall of Fame in 1985.

Egan bought property containing 115 acres of apple and pear trees in Medford, Oregon in 1911. While there he was asked to upgrade the Medford Golf Club. He was next asked to design what is now the Rogue Valley Country Club. So began his 25 year career in Golf course design beginning in Oregon at the Eugene CC, Oswego Lake CC, Riverside Golf and CC in Portland, Tualatin CC and then in Washington at the Indian Canyon Golf Course in Spokane and the West Seattle Golf Course. While supervising the construction of the (Continued on page 14)
The 2007 Superintendent-Pro Event was a success due in great part to the sponsorship support of E-Z-GO- Textron. Just prior to teeing it up are (L to R) Western U.S. E-Z-GO Branch Manager Mike Riddle, Motivational Speaker Jim Tunney and Western U.S. Sales Manager Dave Mills.

Host Superintendent Dave Sexton from the Meadow Club proudly displays the autographed football that was presented to the “Dean of NFL Referees” Jim Tunney (center) after his dynamic speech focusing on Team Building: How to be a Successful Team Player. Joining Dave and Jim for the photo was (right) GCSANC President Jason Green.

Jim Tunney with Board Members at Meadow Club

Motivational Speaker Jim Tunney, Ed.D., was both informative and entertaining when addressing the topic of team building at the Meadow Club.

Speaker Jim Tunney
CREW APPRECIATION DAY!

Cheering a Mark Ellis home run

Chow line at McAfee

Jason Green and Chris Mains working the raffle

Joe Kurung of West Coast Sand and Gravel working the grill

Ken Converse of Corde Valle

Some deserving crew members enjoying the game.
**Events**

**September 24-25**  
Superintendents Institute  
Sierra Nevada – GCSANC  
Joint Meeting  
The Course at Wente Vineyards  

**October 15**  
GCSANC 75th Anniversary Celebration  
Sequoyah Country Club  

**November 11-13**  
California GC SA Annual Meeting  
Monterey, California  

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