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## The Hands of Time

The hands of time continue to move forward...and so does our beloved association! Even though there is no need to reinvent the wheel when it comes to GCSANC, there will always be a need to modify, maintain, and make use of newer technologies. Maintaining moving parts and mechanical entities is an important part of any superintendent's operation and our success. This is the same philosophy that the BOD is applying to our association.

I'm sorry to report we lost our longtime Scholarship and Research Tournament sponsor. It is indeed heartbreaking to split ways on this longtime partnership that we as members have enjoyed for so long. The good news is that the tournament will go on, and will now be called the Cliff and Myrtle Wagoner Scholarship and Research Tournament.

We are now investigating a web-hosted newsletter. It would provide a better service to our membership and our affiliates who purchase advertising. It has the capacity to provide direct hyperlinks to advertising companies' websites. We still plan on providing voluntary solicitation for newsletter receipt within the year until all the formalities of web hosted access have been worked out. So don't expect the printed newsletter to disappear just yet.

I just returned from a very exciting GCSAA Championship Tournament and Golf Committee meeting on the Gulf Coast of Alabama. The tournament promises to be fun, plus a valuable networking event for all participants. I emphasize again the word

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## Strictly Business



OFFICE NOTES

**Barb Mikel**

GCSANC Association Manager

This has been a great start to summer and the GCSANC program year! You have already had some very exciting meeting venues including San Jose Country Club, Claremont Country Club, Stanford Golf Course, Boulder Ridge Country Club, and the TPC San Francisco at Stonebrae. Educational offerings have been great too. This year's meetings have qualified for continuing education credits or service credits. GCSANC meeting attendance will earn you points in one category or the other.

The Oakland A's Crew Appreciation Day is scheduled for July 30. Thanks to the cooperation of Clay Wood, the Oakland A's and the hard work of Joe Kurung of West Coast Sand & Gravel, you will see ticket prices the same as last time. These seats, from what I am told, are GREAT! So is the food and opportunity to get away for the day. Remember, the BART travels directly to the stadium! The BART connections from North East South and West Bay stations make it an easy method of taking the day to reward your crew for a job well done.

Past President Vince Keats, CGCS and Deer Ridge Golf Club will host the First Annual Clifford and Myrtle Wagoner Scholarship & Research Tournament. Each year, since its inception as an Affiliate/Superintendent Invitational, this tournament has provided monies to fund scholarship and research donations. GCSANC has made consistent and significant contributions from the scholarship and research funds for water quality studies conducted by the UCCE by Dr. Ali Harivandi, Anguina pacifica research under the guidance of Mike McCullough, NCGA and continuing Waitea patch turf disease work of Dr. Frank Wong, U.C. Riverside. There is definitely a need for funding and a commitment to research. The California Alliance for Golf (CAG) and the NCGA have commissioned a \$700,000 research study to investigate one of the beneficial uses for recycled water (degrading personal hygiene and pharmaceutical compounds.) A worthy project like

this certainly needs financial support. Be a part of the solution and support the S & R event, mark your calendar for August 25 at Deer Ridge Country Club.

The Superintendents Institute is scheduled for September 15 – 16, The Course At Wente Vineyards. The education committee is finalizing speakers and topics. Remember, this event has a long history of very successful education offerings. This is an easy and fun way to make sure you're earning continuing education credits toward certification or your GCSAA Class A status.

GCSAA continues to provide resources that are convenient for you! The IPM exam can be taken online to satisfy the GCSAA pesticide competency requirements. Michigan State University Turfgrass Information file is available to "SM" Superintendent members as well as Class A Members. The link is on the GCSAA home page! Kudos to Scott Hollister's U.S. Open Blog! GCSAA again has a wonderful engaging innovative employee!

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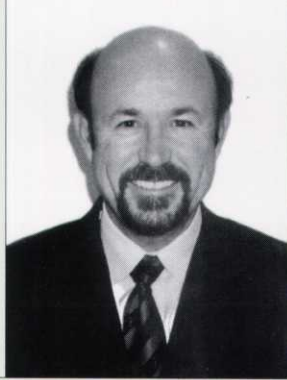
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## Members Only



NAUMANN'S NORCAL NEWS

**Don Naumann**  
Sierra Pacific Turf Supply

**Bill Keller** is leaving Boulder Creek Golf and CC after many years there as assistant and then superintendent. Replacing Bill is **Jerry Bibby**. Jerry had been the superintendent at Summit Pointe Golf Course in Milpitas... **John Mewok** has accepted the superintendent position at Summit Pointe GC. John was the supt. at Franklin Canyon GC in Rodeo. **Josh Sealy** is replacing John at Franklin Canyon. Summit Pointe and Franklin Canyon are both managed by American Golf...Las Positas GC has gone out to contract maintenance to Livermore Golf Management Corp. **Tim McCoy** is the overall superintendent for all golf maintenance operations for the City of Livermore, which includes Las Positas and Springtown GCs. The superintendent at the 27 holes at Las Positas is **Ryan Hess**. **Jeff Shafer** still works for the City of Livermore as the Golf Course Manager. All contractors and concessionaires report to him. The former superintendent at Las Positas, **Ed Fierra**, has moved to another supervisory position within the City of Livermore. Most of the maintenance staff has also been absorbed through various positions within the City.... **Jeff Hardy** has retired as superintendent from Laguna Seca GC. He is being replaced by **Tom Bevan**. Tom had been working with **Denis Kerr** at Quail Lodge since leaving Bayonet-Blackhorse GC.....**Dan Breisach** has retired as superintendent from Sharpe Park GC in Pacifica.....

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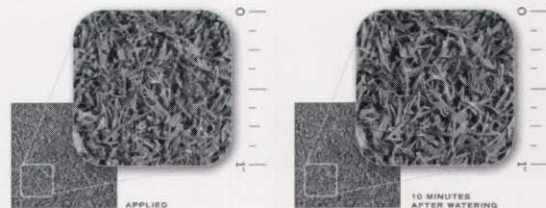
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# WEST COAST TURF HEADS SOUTH OF THE BORDER

Full Service Sod Nursery Now Open Near La Paz, Mexico

By Danielle Marman

West Coast Turf is pleased to announce the formation of West Coast Turf de Mexico. West Coast Turf de Mexico is a full service sod nursery offering custom sod production, complete turf installation, and hydroseeding/stolonizing services. It is located in Los Planes, BCS, Mexico, near La Paz.

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"This new sod nursery can support the growing demand for turf from both the golf and landscape markets in Baja," he added.

This is not the first project in Mexico for West Coast Turf. Other projects include Querencia, Cabo del Sol, Cabo San Lucas Country Club, Cabo Real, and Palmilla Golf Club.

"We did a lot down here in the '90's. We're pretty excited to be back in Mexico—especially with this new seashore

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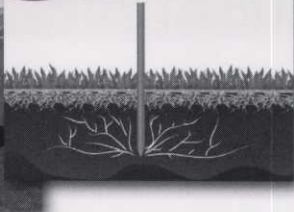


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# GCSANC Tournament Results

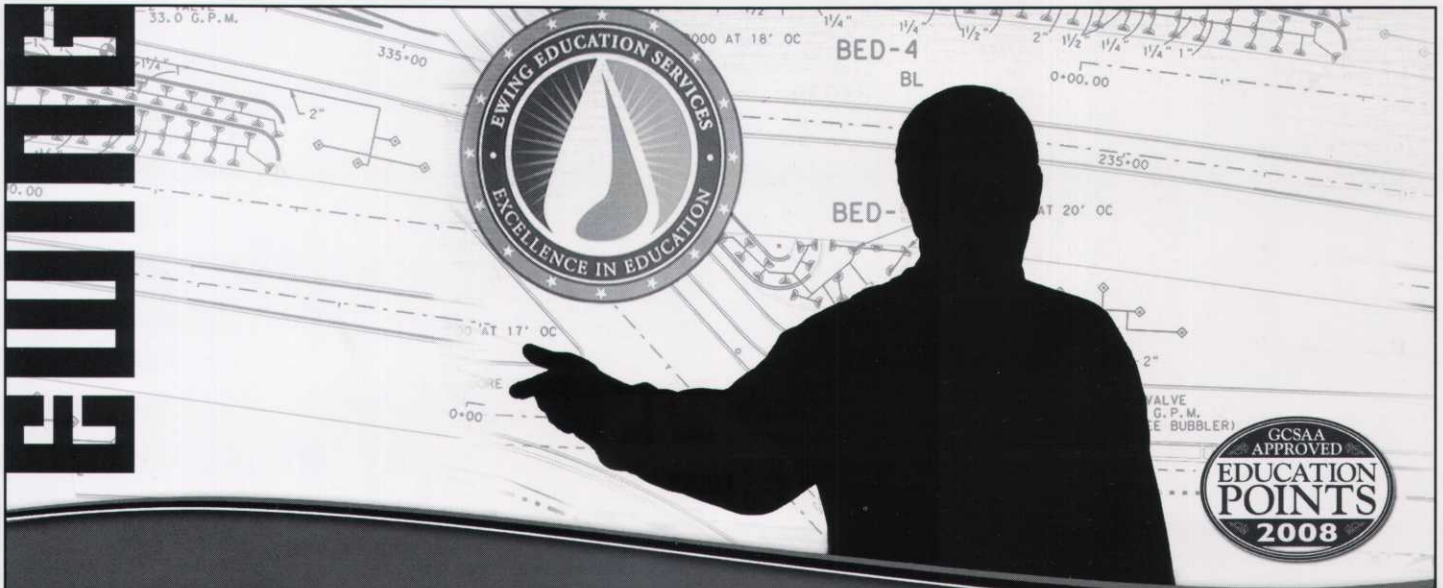
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### TOP 4 GROSS

Glenn Matthews, The Course At Wente Vineyards .....	77+5
Dale Simpson, Crow Canyon CC.....	77+5
John Pina, La Rinconada CC.....	78+6
Chris Dubas, Santa Teresa Golf Club .....	80+8

### TOP 4 NET

Pete Bowman, CGCS, Target Specialty Products .....	69-3
Terry Grasso, CGCS, Sequoyah CC .....	69-3
John Pina, La Rinconada CC.....	69-3
Dale Simpson, Crow Canyon CC.....	72-0



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## GCSANC Ball Mark Repair Education Program has Presence at Women's Golf Event



Todd Cook

Host Golf Course Superintendent Todd Cook served as a presenter at the **3rd Annual Business Golf for Women Day** held recently at Poppy Ridge Golf Course (Livermore, CA) a home course of the Northern California Golf Association. The event introduced the game of golf as a relationship-building tool for women in business. Cook's presentation on course etiquette was followed by a demonstration on how to conduct proper ball mark and divot repair. More than 100 women participated in the day-long event.

Each participant received a free ball mark repair tool with handy instructions courtesy of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California (GCSANC). "The event was an excellent platform for

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# Events



**July 30**  
**Crew Appreciation Day**  
 Oakland A's vs Mariners

**August 25**  
**Scholarship Research Tournament**  
 Shadow Lakes Deer Ridge CC,  
 Brentwood, CA

**September 15 - 16**  
**The Course At Wente Vineyards**  
 Superintendents Institute

**November 9, 10, 11**  
**Morongo Casino Resort in Cabazon, CA**  
 California GCSA Annual Meeting

**December**  
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