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The Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California



2007 GCSANC Host Superintendents are honored at Annual Meeting: (L to R) Steve Byrne, Gill Stiles, David Sexton, CGCS, Tom Schunn, Terry Grasso, Glenn Matthews, Chris Mains and Brian Netz, CGCS.



President Jason Green of San Jose Country Club presents Association Manager Barbara Mikel with an appreciation gift for her service to the GCSANC.

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It's hard to believe that I am sitting writing my first president's message. With 2008 now in full force and spring quickly rearing its head. We will all soon be looking to aerification and gearing up for another season of excitement.

Excitement would be my word of choice to describe GCSANC thus far in 2008. We have some really exciting things that we are undertaking and we have a lot of people excited to be a part of the association again. To me, that is exciting! It is really a great thing. Being involved always provides a great return on your time investment, both professionally and personally. If you are thinking about being involved, pick up the phone and call a BOD member or Barb at the GCSANC headquarters!

To give some examples of the interest and what is going on in our association, we have had a lot of volunteers for the Education and Institute Committees and have a Past President's Committee with 15 Past Presidents and the three BOD officers to:

- 1) Evaluate our progress on the Strategic Plan
- 2) Help launch the Apprenticeship Program
- 3) Examine ways we can further our image and Public Relations dollars
- 4) Renew enthusiasm and participation in GCSANC

In addition, the GCSANC Board is continuing to look for ways we can enhance our programming and our service to you - the members. We will seek to provide more and better motivational/educational speakers for our events.

This past month in Orlando, I had the opportunity to vote as a delegate. I was proud to be a part of the governance of our Association. It was interesting to see how the process happens and to meet with all the delegates from across the country. It was very obvious to me that we definitely have unified team acting on our behalf at the Board level in the GCSAA. Even though we all hold departing GCSAA CEO Steve Mona in high regard, I honestly feel that the GCSAA BOD will make the right choice in our new CEO. And they continue to work at elevating our stature within this industry. They are focused on promoting the Class A status and our image. And they are backing it up with dollars and advertising. It's great seeing that the future of the GCSAA is looking, well, exciting!

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OFFICE NOTES

Barb Mikel

GCSANC Association Manager

Just because your budget didn't allow for attending the GIS this year, don't fall "behind the curve." You don't have to spend time traveling to and from the education events designed to keep you informed and current. Check out these educational offerings below:

- "Communicating Strategically to Get Your Way"
- "Bermudagrass Greens Water Management"
- "Bunker Sand Selection 2008"
- "Leading the Next Generation"
- "ID, Biology and Current Control of Poa Trivialis-2008"
- "Phosphorus Fertilizers and Pollution - What Turf Managers Need to Know"

Where can you find education topics like the above which will fit your schedule and location and cost only \$45.00? GCSAA web casts provide these and 90 other topics of interest for GCSAA members. They are taught by approved instructors and qualify for Certification and Continuing Education credits.

GCSAA's live education webcasts are about 90 minutes long and can be accessed by any computer with appropriate Internet connections. You can use a microphone to ask questions or participate using the text chat feature. A pre-event system check is available today to learn about requirements and test your system free of charge. You can have lunch or coffee break at the same time. And if you miss a live event, or have to leave before the conclusion, you can come back and access it later (for a specified time) with the "ON DEMAND" feature. So log-on soon and sample all GCSAA has to offer!

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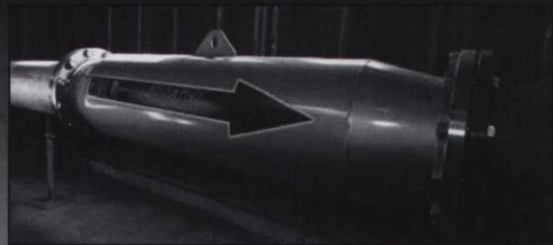
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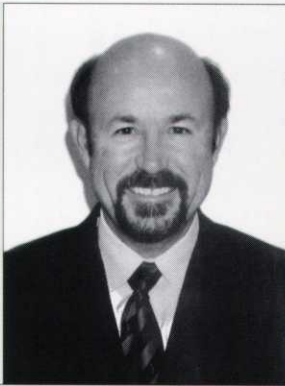
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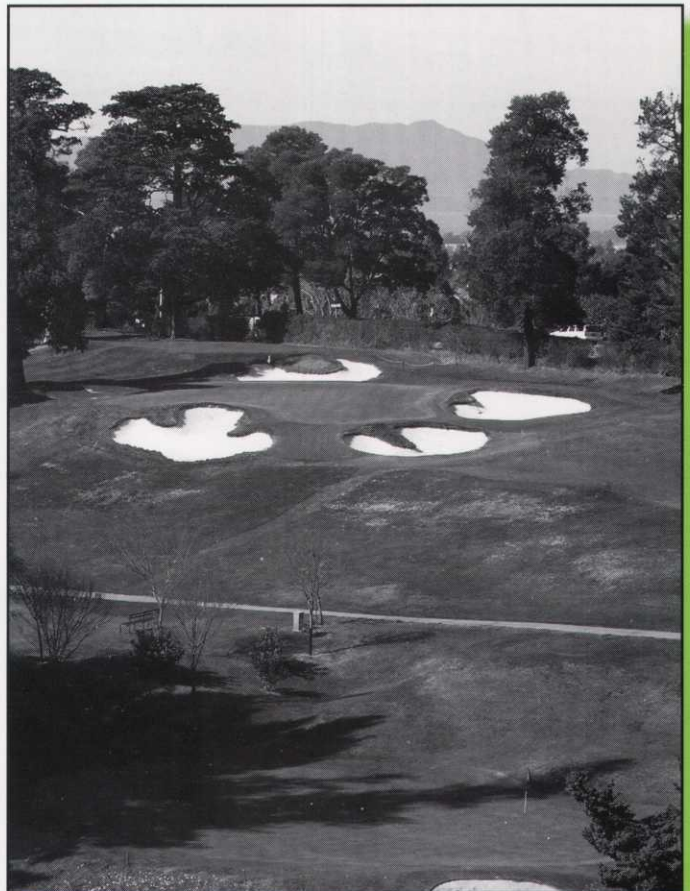
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NAUMANN'S NORCAL NEWS

Don Naumann
Sierra Pacific Turf Supply

NCGA/USGA/GCSANC Green Section Conference Claremont Country Club



Paul Chojnacky has accepted the Superintendent position at Pasatiempo Golf Club in Santa Cruz. He was the assistant superintendent at Lake Merced G & CC prior to his move. Paul is replacing the retiring **Dean Gump**. Dean is building a second home in New Zealand and will be spending his time in both in New Zealand as well as in Santa Cruz....
Bill Hansen, Superintendent at Monarch Bay Golf Links, was recently named Superintendent of the Year for the Mountain West Region for American Golf Corp.....

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2008 GCSANC Annual Meeting at San Jose Country Club



The 2008 GCSANC Annual Meeting was a success with nearly 100 superintendents, affiliate members and special guests in attendance at San Jose Country Club. During the morning meeting, Host Superintendent and Chapter President Jason Green made sure guests were comfortable while a series of informative reports were presented. Chapter Officers Brian Nettz, CGCS and Chris Mains gave annual reports as well as an update by Association Manager Barbara Mikel.

Mike Souza of Richmond Country Club was elected to the GCSANC Board of Directors and Glenn Matthews from the Course at Wente Vineyards was soon named as a presidential appointee to the board.

The meeting theme was one of appreciation and acknowledgement, with a series of awards being presented by President Jason Green and fellow director Steve Byrne. Video images of the honorees graced the screen thanks to the help of Newsletter Editor Ken Williams, CGCS and Publisher Man-Yin Tang.

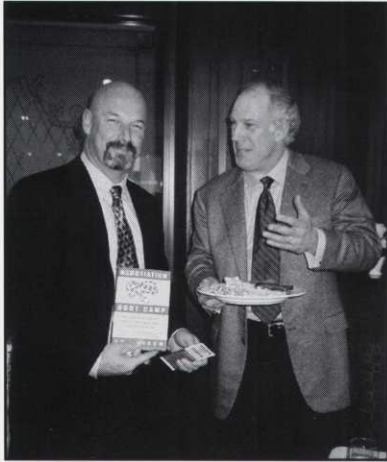
GCSANC members/award recipients recognized for their contributions to golf and community included: Gill Stiles of Santa Rosa Golf & Country Club -

Superintendent of the Year, Mike McCullough of the Northern California Golf Association (NCGA) - *President's Award*, Dave Davies, CGCS of Stonebrae Country Club - *Turfgrass Excellence-Private*, Mike Vickers of Dublin Ranch Golf Club - *Turfgrass Excellence-Public*, Pete Bowman, CGCS of UAP Professional Products- *Affiliate of the Year Award* and Ken Williams, CGCS of Stanford University Golf Course - *George Santana Distinguished Service Award*. As part of the awards ceremony, each honoree received a beautiful plaque. In addition, the room was lined with more than 50 feet of photos and memorabilia that featured the honorees throughout the year.

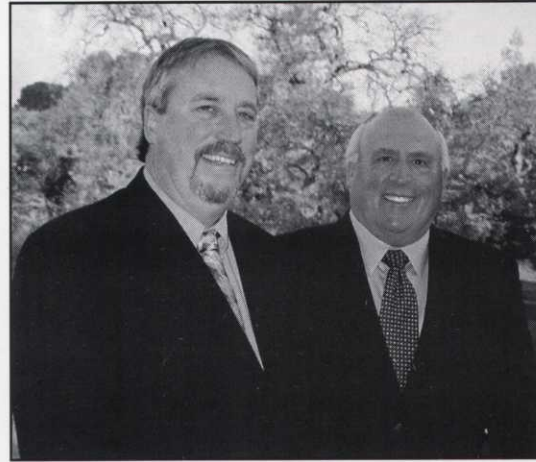
Also recognized by President Green were the 2007 host superintendents, with added thanks to the affiliate members who supported the events with time and resources. President Green also made sure to thank the family of sponsors supporting the day's golf tournament at San Jose Country Club which included: Turf Drainage of America, Dave Steele; Stabilizer Solutions, Inc., Peter Herrera; Grigg Brothers, Brad Snavelly; West Coast Sand & Gravel, Joe Kurung; and Sierra Pacific Turf Supply, Don Naumann.

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Award recipient Dave Davies, CGCS negotiates a book purchase with motivational speaker and "Top Negotiator" Ed Brodow, author of *Negotiation Boot Camp*.



GCSANC Superintendent of the Year Gill Stiles is joined by his Green Committee Chairman Steve Acrupi at the awards ceremony.



Past President Vince Keats, CGCS and Gregory Fernald of Target Speciality Products



Cord Ozmet, Tim Powers, CGCS, Thomas Bastis, CGCS and Rodney Muller.



Past Presidents Rod Kilcoyne, Joe Rodriguez, CGCS, Brian Bangle and Rich Levine, CGCS.



Past President Pat Finlen, CGCS and Ken Williams, CGCS.

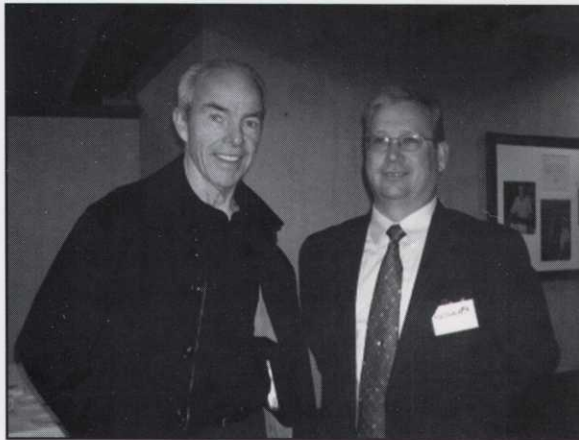
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Chris Gose, Sunnyvale Golf Club and George Young, San Jose Municipal.



Association Manager Barb Mikel and Past President Bob Lopic



John Arnaz of Arnaz Tree and Matt Moore of TMT Enterprises, Inc.



Chris Von Rueden, Tom Gray, CGCS of Cordevalle GC and Jeff Arneson of Redwood Empire G&CC.



Mike Garvale, CGCS, John Pina, Mike Basile.



Michael Wilson, Erik Dunster, Mike Vickers and John Cunningham.

Events



March

USGA NCGA GCSANC
Claremont Country Club, Oakland

April

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Gleneagles Golf Course
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June

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