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September/October

Fall is coming...actually the summer has been much like fall for us "foothill folks." This has been one of the mildest summers since I moved to El Dorado Country. I'll take it!

There has been some good news for Northern California golf. With all the alerts and notices for "heat stressed turf" sent for distribution to membership by GCSAA, it's great not to have that kind of impact in California.

Members enjoyed The Clifford and Myrtle Wagoner Scholarship Tournament. Thanks to Brian Boyer for a wonderful job with course setup, Adam Schiro in the golf shop, and Leah Wadler for the marvelous dinner at Cinnabar. All your efforts provided a great venue and a great day (you must have a direct connection to the weather gods!) The scholarship and research reserves will benefit with all the committee efforts. Special thanks to our Affiliate Directors, Jim Sherman and Greg Dunn, and Directors John Pina and Tim Powers, CGCS and the entire Nor Cal Board for this year's event. Thanks also to superintendents and their clubs and courses. Affiliate member companies supplied support in the form of tee sponsors, auction items, raffle items and course play to generate revenue...THANKS TO ALL!

This issue contains some of the research results supported by this tournament. The web site contains more at:

www.gcsanc.com/education/

Sharp Park is on track for remodeling. The SF Board of Supervisors on adopted a final 2010-2011 budget that leaves intact funding for Sharp Park Golf Course. The vote was 10-1 to adopt the \$6.5 Billion budget, "SF Supervisors Reject Proposed Charter Amendment to Change Selection Process for Rec & Park Commission By a 6-5 vote, the Supervisors on Tuesday night also rejected a proposed Charter Amendment that would have split appointment-authority over the Recreation and Park Commission members between the Mayor's office and the Board of Supervisors. Commission members are currently, and historically, all appointed by the Mayor."

A helpful resource was provided by Blankinship & Associates, Inc. to help implement the "Goby 11" This is a "go no go" yes or no "keep it simple" link to the EPA and Cal EPA sites. Determination can found at:

<http://www.h2osci.com/goby11-p0.html>

The timeline for EPA review of the listed pesticide active ingredients can be found in the Stipulated Injunction at:

<http://www.epa.gov/espp/litstatus/order-stip.pdf>

It is important that golf facilities in the eight counties comply with the use limitations outlined in the Stipulated Injunction. Here is a link to an important page on the EPA website that should help all golf facilities comply with the settlement agreement:

<http://www.epa.gov/espp/litstatus/use-limitation.html>

Happy Reading!



Details and registration www.gcsanc.com "Events" tab

SEPTEMBER 27-28
Assistant Superintendents
Boot Camp
Poppy Hills, Pebble Beach

OCTOBER 31
NorCal OTEI
(Raiders vs Seattle Seahawks)
Oakland Coliseum

NOVEMBER 7-9
California GCSA
Education Conference
Pacific Palms Hotel and
Conference Center
Industry Hills (L.A.)

NOVEMBER 15-16
Superintendents Institute
Carmel Valley Ranch, Carmel

DECEMBER 10
Holiday Party & Golf
Del Monte Golf Course
Monterey Hyatt

JANUARY 17, 2011
Annual Meeting
California Golf Club

FEBRUARY 7
GIS
Orlando, Florida

MARCH
Green Section Meeting
Green Hills Country Club

APRIL
Superintendent Field Day

JULY 26
Clifford & Myrtle
Wagoner Scholarship
Research Tournament
Sequoyah Country Club

AUGUST 11
GCSANC/SNGCSA Joint
Meeting
Stockton Country Club

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- Affiliate Director Nomination**
- Director Nomination**
- Annual Awards Nomination**



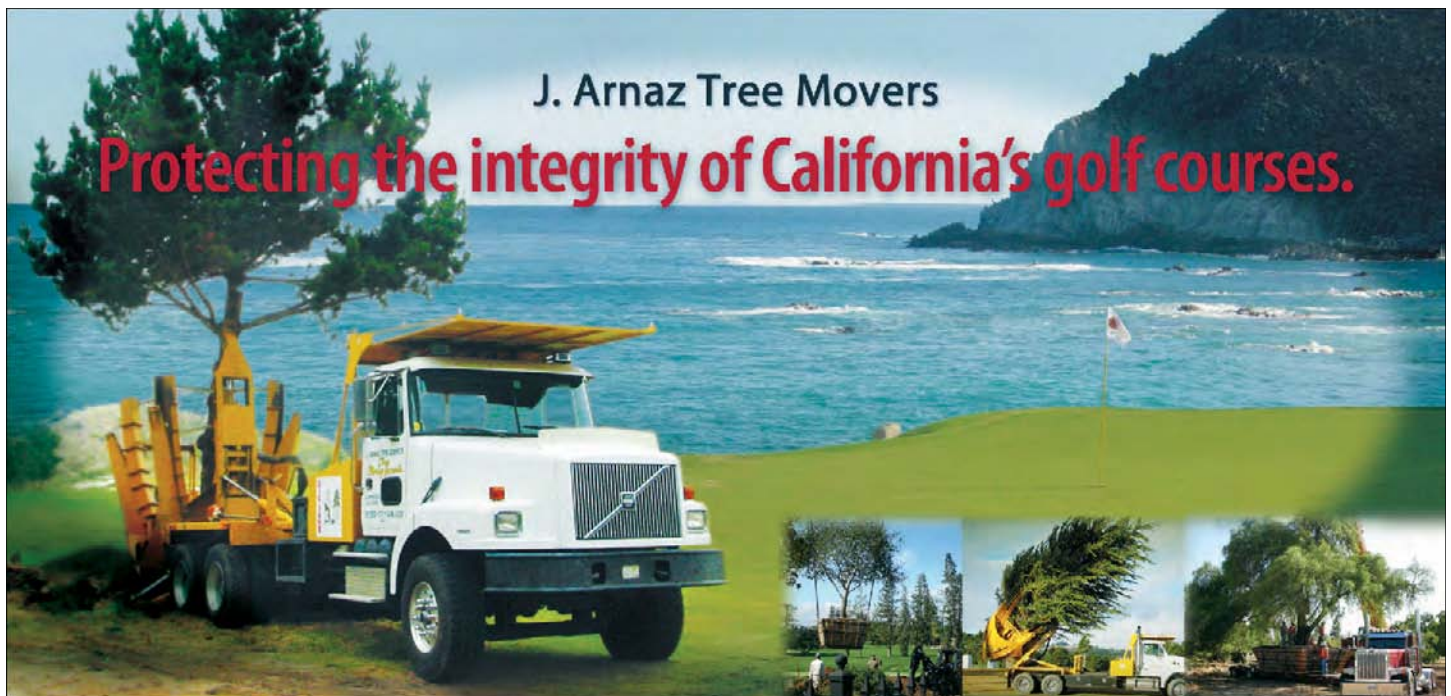
THOMAS BASTIS, CGCS
California Golf Club

What a fantastic Scholarship Event we had! Thanks to the hard work of many volunteers and great member participation, we exceeded last year's contributions by over 150%. Down economy or not, I am blown away by the thoughtful and generous nature our industry continues to exhibit. If the contributions were not enough, Superintendent extraordinaire, Brian Boyer did not disappoint with a superb display of course conditioning. It's exciting to see young talent and driven professional passion on the course. The Scholarship tournament took on a slightly different appearance this year and we look to make a few more changes for the next. Here are a few of these changes we have discussed:

- Combine our traditional Super/Pro event with our Scholarship/Research Tournament. Our survey results revealed a great opportunity by combining these events and scaling back our calendar
- Increase attendance by encouraging Members/Clubs/Affiliates to bring non-member guests; hopefully creating a team or foursome.
- Initiate a silent auction with online bidding prior to the event date
- Introduce and highlight our yearly research efforts

Continuing with the theme of "Change," we are repositioning our affiliate sponsorship and advertising program into a comprehensive tiered package program. Each affiliate has an opportunity for "one stop" shopping when determining their advertising and sponsorship commitment. Each level provides increasing value with a proportionate cost. The Board sought to streamline all of our advertising, web, and tournament opportunities into package pricing levels; Silver \$500, Gold \$1500, Titanium \$2500, and Diamond \$5000. Increasing member value, you will also see a "Rounds for Research" approach towards enticing companies to support highly levels of commitments. At the Titanium and Diamond levels, companies will be able to pick donated golf rounds to use at their convenience yet also show a definitive cost/value with your advertising dollar. This is a win-win situation for both our members and affiliates and could only happen with the generous support of our member courses.

Further adding value to the membership is our new "Craigslist" offering on our website. One of the most difficult things to do with websites is creating new and constantly update material that drives repeat viewers. Creating a portion of our GCSANC website that is populated by our members is one such approach. What is Craigslist? An online, local classifieds and forums—community moderated, and largely free. We do not want to create another Turfnet forums/chat room. We do want to create an opportunity for Clubs, members, and affiliates to network services and information in a local region. What can you find there? For the most part, turf related items available for free, sale, or barter. If you are wondering how to get rid of two



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Look for these changes and a whole lot more when we announce our 2011 events calendar later this month!

Thomas

NAUMANN'S NORCAL NEWS

Eddie Wohlberg has accepted the Superintendent position at Las Positas Golf Course in Livermore. He was the superintendent at Rancho San Marcos in Central Cal prior to his move up north. He is replacing **Dennis Orsborn** who has moved back to the Palm Springs area and is now working for Hi Tech Irrigation....

Tim Youngberg is the new Superintendent at Mira Vista G & CC in El Cerrito. Tim had been the Super at The Bridges at Gale Ranch Golf Course prior to his move. Replacing Tim at The Bridges is **John Majchrzak**. John was the Super at Summit Pointe GC in Milpitas.....**Kevin Teahan** is the Golf Course Maintenance Supervisor (Supt) at Harding Park Golf Course.....Old Timer Update: **Joe Rodriguez, CGCS** former Supt at Rossmoor GC, is hanging out, playing a lot of golf and managing his grandchildren in the Antioch area....**Rod Kilcoyne**, former Super at Diablo Creek GC, has started a pest control business with emphasis on rodent control on golf courses. The name of his business is Terminal Enterprises. I guess that would make him the Terminator.....

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Superintendent Profile



Name: Craig T. Carlson

Employer: Eagle Golf

Position: Superintendent at Micke Grove Golf Links in Lodi, CA

Years in the Business: 15

Previous Employment: Menlo CC, Tucson CC, Del Paso CC, Tilden Park GC

Hobbies, Interests:

Anything that gets me in, on, or near water.

Other Organizations:

GCSAA, Landscape Outreach Partnership San Joaquin County

What was the first car you ever owned?

1972 Chevy Custom 10 pickup.

How fast did you drive it?

As fast as it would go...approximately 52 MPH

What's in your garage today? Jeep Grand Cherokee

Worst piece of equipment ever owned?

Never met a piece of equipment that ran I didn't like, just a matter of how to best utilize it.

Best bit of professional advice you've ever received?

"Nothing is off the record."

Have you ever had a mentor?

Yes, Sam Singh from Tilden Park GC

Favorite meal of all time?

There's a restaurant near the coast that serves a great Artichoke Soup, followed by delicious Calamari Steak. Then, finish off the meal with Strawberry Rhubarb Pie for dessert.

Do you play golf?

Yes, I play golf but not as often as I'd like. My favorite course is Kapalua Resort's Bay Course (Maui, Hawaii). I wish I was over there playing it right now...but right now, the bunker on No. 16 (here at home), needs to get pumped out.

If you weren't in the business of maintaining turf, what would you be doing?

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Mission Trip to Bulgaria

Dale Simpson, Superintendent
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I recently took a trip to Bulgaria with an organization called Macedonia Outreach. Our mission was to take soil and water samples in a poor village called Yastrebovo. Yastrebovo has a population of around 300 people, most of whom are very poor Roma gypsies. Our goal was to determine the soil, water quality and to help the people of Yastrebovo begin to farm the land in order to feed them and possibly sell the crops to make some sort of a living.

It was a very successful trip in that we were able to determine the quality of the soil and water, meet the people in the village and discuss ways for them to survive by producing their own food for consumption and for a profit. We found that the soils were a clay-loam with a pH of 7.5. They had a sufficient amount of potassium and phosphorous, but were low in nitrogen.

We concluded that the reason for low nitrogen was due to leaching and the villagers' financial constraints inhibit fertilizing on a regular basis. The water used for farming is supplied by wells and was of decent quality. The pH was of the water was also around 7.5 and was low in sodium.

We also tested for E. coli and other bacteria, which showed up negative. I jokingly suggested that they forget about farming and instead build a golf course. My idea was rejected unanimously.

However, the highlight of my trip was teaching Sunday school to the children of the village and spending time with them playing soccer and other games.

The help that we provided this village would not have been possible without the generous contribution from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California. So, on behalf of Macedonia Outreach and the village of Yastrebovo, Bulgaria, I sincerely thank you for your support.



Clifford and Myrtle Wagoner Scholarship & Research Tournament

- Low Gross Team** 141 John Pina
 Kanin Falk
 Gary King
 Matt Hegarty
- Low Net Team** 122 Keith Beamer
 Chris Aycock
 Armand Leiro
 Andre Leiro
- Low Gross Individual** 74 Steve Woodruff
- 2nd Place Low Gross** 75 Mark Van Buskirk
- Low Net Individual** 66 Kanin Falk
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 66 Gary King
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Resolution 109

Representatives from the California Alliance for Golf (CAG) gather at the state senate chambers to accept Resolution No. 109 from the author, Hon. Senator Alex Padilla (District 20). This California Golf Week commendation recognizes the golf industry for its positive contributions in a variety of ways: economic, charitable and through youth development.



(L to R) Dianne Davis, President of the Pacific Women's Golf Association (PWGA); Jim Ferrin, Rep. of the California Golf Course Superintendents Association (CGCSA); Hon. Senator Alex Padilla (District 20); Emmy Moore Minister, GCSANC and CAG Communications and Chris Thomas, NCPGA Executive Dir. & CAG Treasurer.

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EPA has settled the Goby 11 Lawsuit

Goby 11 is Law Interim Pesticide Use Limitations

EPA had settled the "Goby 11" lawsuit with the Center for Biological Diversity and now interim pesticide use limitations are in effect while EPA reviews the registrations of pesticides containing any of 75 pesticide active ingredients for their potential effects to 1 or more of 11 federally-listed threatened or endangered species in the eight counties surrounding the San Francisco Bay including Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma.

The list of pesticide active ingredients and endangered species impacted by this court case can be found here:

<http://www.epa.gov/espp/litstatus/factsheet.html>

The interim protective measures are no-use buffer zones adjacent to certain features within certain geographic areas in the eight counties.

These buffer zones are different depending on the species at issue and the pesticide being used.

The timeline for EPA review of the listed pesticide active ingredients can be found in the Stipulated Injunction at:

<http://www.epa.gov/espp/litstatus/order-stip.pdf>

GCSAA, the California GCSA and several golf course superintendents in the eight counties submitted comments to EPA a year ago talking about the specific negative impacts the interim restrictions would have on golf courses. See attached comments.

It is important that golf facilities in the eight counties comply with the use limitations outlined in the Stipulated Injunction. Here is a link to an important page on the EPA website that should help all golf facilities comply with the settlement agreement:

<http://www.epa.gov/espp/litstatus/use-limitation.html>

If you plan to use any of the pesticides subject to the Stipulated Injunction in any of these eight counties, EPA says you should first read the "Background" and "Exceptions and Modifications" information on the web page above and then check for specific limitations on the San Francisco Bay Area - Interim Pesticide Use Limitations interactive map ("SFB interactive map"). Pesticide users are urged to check the SFB interactive map before, but close to the time of application of the pesticide, since the interim limitations may change or become unnecessary as EPA continues its review of the pesticides subject to the Stipulated Injunction.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

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GCSANC's "Thru the Green" July August contained a good article by member Mike Blankenship, of Blankenship & Associates, Inc., Agricultural & Environmental Science & Engineering:

http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/intheloopgolf/thruthegreen_20100708/#/10

In addition to the GCSAA-provided links, a simple Yes or No binary tool to assist in knowing whether this injunction applies to you can be found on Blankenship & Associates web site:

See <http://www.h2osci.com/goby11-p0.html>

A Thank You From Benevolent Fund Recipient

Dear Northern Cal. GCSAA and Southern Cal. GCSAA

I am so touched by the caring and generous nature of GCSAA and their chapters. You all have given Mark so much honor and recognition. He loved his industry because the people involved were top notch. He was so proud to be a Superintendent. I was extremely impressed when I would meet other Supers or go to any meetings be it local or national. I was impressed at how everyone seemed to be such a class act and could clearly see why this industry was such a good fit for Mark because he was a class act and conducted his life with honesty and dignity. These are all traits that I have seen thru out this wonderful industry of golf course superintendents.

You all are the unsung heroes of the golf world. Without the work, dedication and love of the Superintendents there would not be great golf courses to golf. Without the dedication to education and furthering knowledge of turf, trees, weed control, fertilizer, water regiments, etc. the golf course would be so much less than the level that the Superintendents are able and willing to take it to.

Mark Livingston, former superintendent, Ridge Creek Golf Club, suffered a sudden heart attack and died. The two associations made financial contributions from Benevolent Funds to help defray costs associated with his premature death.

Now with his loss, I am personally experiencing how truly wonderful you all are. I know that he would not be surprised by all that you have done because his industry was a perfect fit for him. Class, dedication, education, honor, dignity, integrity, and caring were at the core of him and the GCSAA is a direct reflection of the same traits. Thanks again for all that you have done for him, our family and me.

I have been in the hospital with my pregnancy since 7/7 and had an emergency c-section on 7/29. Baby Izaak Mark Livingston is 10 weeks early, weighs 3.9 lbs and is doing great. It is just a matter of time before I can bring him home.

Please forward my thanks to anyone else involved in helping my family and me. It really does touch us deeply to know how much you care.

Sincerely, Kris Livingston