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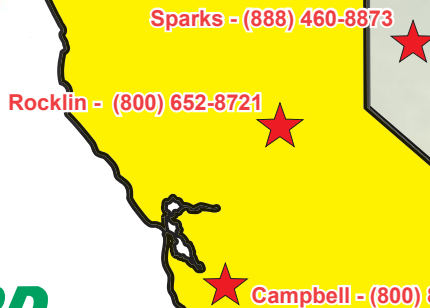
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Superintendent Profile, Brian Boyer



Employer: Cinnabar Hills Golf Club
Position: Superintendent
Years in the Business: 17
Previous Employment: Cattails Golf Club, South Lyon, MI and San Francisco Golf Club
Education: Michigan State University

GCSANC work or interests: recently elected Director

Other organizations: GCSAA

Family: Wife Jennifer, daughter Samantha (3 years) & son Benjamin (1.5).

What was the first car you ever owned? Geo Prism

How fast did you drive it? Not fast, but when you turned the A/C off, you got a turbo boost

How did you get into the business? Started as a cart kid and I wanted to work where the cool guys worked.

What did you learn that they never taught you in college? That managing a crew is no different than coaching a group of 16-year-old girls.

What's the best bit of professional advice ever tossed your way? You can't dwell on what has already happened.

What's your favorite restaurant? Spruce in San Francisco

Beer or wine? Wild Turkey with Vernor's Ginger Ale (a Michigan original)

What's your favorite vacation spot? Haven't really been on what I consider a true vacation, but anything with the family would be fine by me.

Favorite hobby: Running

Name your top superintendent influences: Doug Palm, Bob Klinesteker, Tim Powers

Few people know: That I own an Eichler home and have become enamored with mid-century modern culture

Best part of being in the turf business: The camaraderie between fellow superintendents despite being in competition.

If you weren't in the business of growing grass what would you be doing? A mathematician locked away in some basement working on artificial intelligence.

What's in your garage? Everything but two cars.

What magazines do you subscribe to? *Trail Runner*

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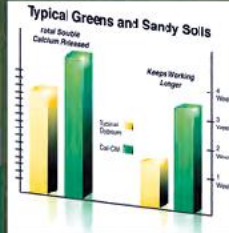
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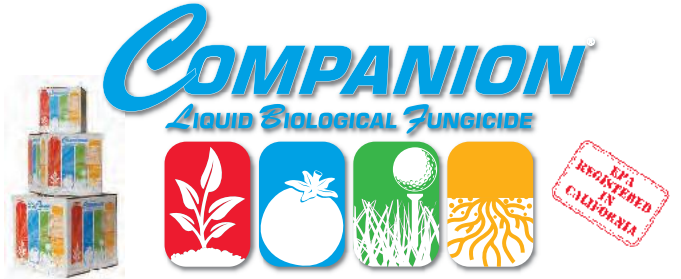


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Tri Chapter Meeting & Davey Nor Cal Point Series Tournament

Nearly 100 golf course superintendents and affiliate members from the Central, Northern California and Sierra Chapters of the GCSAA attended the 2012 Tri-Chapter Meeting at TPC Stonebrae in Hayward, CA, hosted by Director of Golf Course Maintenance Operations Dave Davies, CGCS.

The educational seminar and golf tournament sponsored by John Deere, commenced with Fred Brattain, founder of The Disabled Golfers' Learning Foundation providing insight on ADA Compliance as it specifically relates to golf facilities. Brattain's presentation spanned from legal aspects to the economic benefits derived from improved course accessibility.

Part two of the presentation shifted to the driving range at TPC Stonebrae where Brattain was joined by international ambassador for adaptive sports, Anthony Netto, founder of the Stand Up and Play Foundation. Netto, who enjoys the game of golf, understands the importance of accessibility, as a veteran who is also a wheelchair user himself.

Surrounded by scores of GCSAA members, Netto demonstrated the use of the ParaMobile; a solo vehicle specially designed for indi-

viduals with disabilities, allowing them the ability to stand up and comfortably participate in the game of golf. Seminar attendees were pleased to learn the ParaMobile can travel throughout the course in a safe, efficient manner for golfers and without damage to the turf or green complex.

Throughout the presentation Brattain and Netto field questions from GCSAA chapter members and provided solutions on how golf facilities can enhance the recreational experience for golfers with disabilities. Brattain felt the time spent with GCSAA members was highly beneficial. "What was gratifying was the ability to allay some of the more prevalent fears that are associated with disability and wheelchair access," said Brattain. "Educating others on how to work with individuals with disabilities in tandem with ADA Compliance is highly rewarding for me, and for my colleague Anthony, too. We are committed to improving accessibility for golfers and pleased that GCSAA chapters are open to learning more about our initiatives."

To learn more about The Disabled Golfer's Learning Foundation please visit www.DisabilityGolfer.org. For more information about the Stand Up and Play Foundation visit: www.standupandplay.org.

(L) A new kind of cart... (R) Host Superintendent, Dave Davies, CGCS demonstrating cart usage





Anthony Netto demonstrating accessibility for veterans who want to and still can enjoy golf.



(L) Anthony Netto, Stand Up and Play Foundation and Fred Brattain, The Disabled Golfers' Learning Foundation (R) Anthony Netto tees it up.

NorCal Blogs

A formal education got most of us in the door of many clubs, but first-hand experience is how we have made a name for ourselves. With the popularity of Golf Course Superintendent Blogs, what better way to get a first-hand experience?

With our newest addition of *Thru the Green*, we want to introduce you to some of the blogs that are in your area. There are many talented superintendents in the GCSANC that are regularly blogging which we hope will further your education in the ever-changing business of growing grass.

Brian Boyer, Cinnabar Hills Golf Club
www.cinnabarhills.blogspot.com

Austin Daniels, Monterey Pines
www.montereypinesmaintenance.blogspot.com

Paul Chojnacky, Pasatiempo
www.pasatiempomaintenance.com

Kevin Breen, La Rinconada
<http://kevinpbreen.blogspot.com/>

Josh Clevenger, Claremont CC
www.claremontturf.blogspot.com

Ken Williams, Stanford
<http://sgcsuperintendent.blogspot.com/>

Doug Ayres, Coral de Tierra
<http://corralmaintenance.blogspot.com/>

Brian Bagley, The Villages Golf and CC
<http://villagesgolfmaintenance.blogspot.com/>

Rodney Muller, Empire Ranch
<http://empireranchgcm.blogspot.com/>

Making a Difference—Clifford Wagoner, CGCS

BY **GARY K CARLS, CGCS**

As 2012 winds to a close it is time to start looking ahead to 2013 and a couple of significant events that will occur next year. In February of 2013 GCSANC member Pat Finlen, CGCS, is positioned to assume the role of GCSAA President. Pat will become the fourth GCSANC member to assume the position of GCSAA President. Other GCSANC members who've served in this leadership position include Elmer G. Border (1959), Walter R. Boysen (1967) and Clifford A. Wagoner, CGCS (1973).

As part of the "older" generation (and someone who has had the privilege to know and work with Cliff Wagoner over the years) I would like to share just a small part of his respected tenure with the many GCSANC members who may know the name but not the man.

It's hard to believe that 2013 will mark 40 years since Mr. Wagoner served as GCSAA President. Cliff worked in the Modesto area and spent most of his career at Del Rio CC before retiring in 1985 after 35 years at the club. Cliff first joined GCSANC in 1951 and by 1952 was already involved as the Bylaws Committee Chairman. A few years later Cliff was serving on the Board of Directors. Later, he served three terms as GCSANC President ('59, '65, '67). As if doing all this wasn't enough to keep him busy, Cliff also was very involved in the formation of the California Federation of Golf Course Superintendents (known today, as the California Chapter of the Golf Course Superintendents Association) and served as the second president of

that group in 1965.

Having a strong focus on the importance of research and education was very important to Cliff and he made sure the chapter did everything it could to support efforts for those initiatives. Besides providing a great deal of funding to support research (being conducted at UC Davis by Dr. Bill Davis), Cliff also recognized the importance of sharing that information with the membership. Working with University of California and the NCGA an educational program was developed in 1967 as a vehicle to share this information with the membership. The program was called the Turfgrass Adaptive Research Program (TARP for short) and was the forerunner for programs like the GCSANC Institute and the USGA/NCGA Regional Meeting which the chapter still assists with hosting today.

While serving on the GCSAA Board of Directors Cliff continued to focus on the importance of professional development and expanded education for superintendents. For three years, working with fellow GCSANC member Walter Boysen, he co-chaired the committee that created the GCSAA Certification program and was among the first class of 20 Certified Golf Course Superintendents recognized by GCSAA in 1971. The voluntary program was among the first-ever such programs developed by a profession in which members set standards and committed to continuing education as a means to remain at the top of their profession. Today, over 1600 GCSAA members retain the designation of CGCS.

Clifford Wagoner, CGCS (green blazer) and GCSANC Past Presidents



In 1973 Cliff Wagoner, CGCS, was elected President of GCSAA where he continued to focus his attention on the following priorities:

1. Formulating and promoting sound educational programs.
2. Raising professional standards.
3. Developing more membership services that will be of value to an expanding membership.
4. Expanding the membership and getting it more involved for broader representation.
5. Improving communications.

It's amazing how many of the same things we hear today were common themes some 40 years ago.

Among a few of the honors Cliff has received throughout his career are: GCSAA Distinguished Service Award (1985), GCSANC Honorary Membership (1985), GCSANC George Santana Distinguished Service Award (1996) and the first GCSANC Superintendent of the Year Award (1974).

On a personal side, no discussion about Cliff is complete without including at least a brief yet very warm mention of his lovely wife Myrtle. This year Cliff and Myrtle celebrate 71 years of marriage. They have two children, Shirley and Darryl as well as a strong extended group of family and friends. Many of their extended network of friends comes through their years of work with GCSAA and GCSANC.

From day-one, Myrtle has been helping Cliff with all his various roles and dedicated volunteerism to our association. Yes, Myrtle always been his strongest supporter and a resource to the GCSANC that will be long appreciated. As Cliff describes it, they are a great team and a good example of a "complimentary relationship." Cliff and Myrtle both remained involved with GCSANC up through the 75th Anniversary Meeting just a few years ago by participating on the planning committee for the event.

Cliff keeps in touch with chapter members through e-mail and occasionally GCSANC members will stop by the Wagoner home in Modesto which is always open to visitors.

It is impossible to really share all the contributions Cliff Wagoner and his wife Myrtle have made for the betterment of our profession in their 60-plus years with the association. It was just a few years ago the GCSANC renamed their scholarship and research event the Cliff and Myrtle Wagoner Scholarship and Research Tournament in great respect and tribute to this consummate couple. I couldn't think of anyone more deserving of such an honor.

It's probably way too simplified but it can be said that Cliff has helped make the profession of golf course superintendent better for everyone who has been fortunate to follow in his footsteps. There's an expression we often hear, "Go make a difference in the world." I think Cliff Wagoner definitely has done that, and then some!

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therefore October must be one of the busier months in the superintendent world.

Ever heard the expression "All I needed to know about life I learned from my dog"? I am sure most of us are familiar with that caption or some variant of it. I guess the lesson learned recently was that even in the midst of a busy time, like a construction project, you can still take a moment and enjoy the NorCal Indian summer.

Oh yeah, congratulations to our San Francisco Giants!



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