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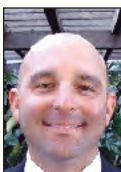
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Office Notes

By **BARBARA MIKEL**



My thanks to our outgoing board members, Tim Powers, CGCS, Dave Wilber, Nick Checklenis and David Procter. I enjoyed and appreciated your involvement and just want to say, you can do it again someday! Members who commit a minimum of two years out of busy lives are special for you and to your association.

I'm looking forward to five new board members! Association laws and regulation have changed in the last few years. Association bylaws need to be reviewed and updated to current California Corporate codes. It will be a year of review, revise and record.

I just reviewed the 2007 update to the strategic plan. This was a broad undertaking with specific items and goals. Some met, some unrealistic and some not met. Our strategic plan was updated in 2011. The process was independent of the 2007 plan and provided a structured method to strengthen and encourage member participation in the association. A work in progress with some listed below.

GCSANC Resources

Web site: www.gcsanc.com

Job Notices

The association provided an average three position available notices a month for membership.

Membership Directory

You can search online for members' contact information. The directory is also provided in PDF format for download and/or printing.

Information

Research papers, meeting and activities; apply for membership, meeting registrations, association history, bylaws and general information.

Scholarships

Apply for scholarships for your kids. If you have an intern, the turf scholarship is available online as well. GGCSANC awarded five \$1,000.00 scholarships last year. <http://www.gcsanc.com/membership/2010-scholarship-application/>

Free Classified Listings

Sell, buy, swap and free (Jason's List)
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<http://archive.lib.msu.edu/tic/ttgnc/>

Submit Content

Want to send us something for *Thru the Green*? We love to have articles written by membership. Just submit by these deadline dates:

April 9	May/June Issue
June 11	July/August Issue
August 13	Sept/Oct Issue
Oct 8	Nov/Dec Issue
Dec 10	Jan/Feb 2014 Issue

NorCalendar

MAR 18

**USGA/NCGA/GCSANC
Green Section Conference**
Sequoyah Country Club, Oakland

APRIL 15

**NCPGA, GCSANC & CMAA
Invitational**
Ruby Hill Golf Club, Pleasanton

MAY 20

Superintendents Field Day
Tilden Park Golf Course
See page 7 for more information

JULY 1

**Clifford And Myrtle Wagoner
Scholarship & Research
Tournament**
Claremont Country Club, Claremont

DECEMBER 6

Holiday Party
*Del Monte Golf Course and
Monterey Hyatt Regency Hotel*

More Details?

Visit www.gcsanc.com/events/next/

New Members

Andrew O'Haver
Sonoma Golf Club

Brian Hurley
Harco Fittings

David Marshburn
Earthcare International

Eric Styck
The Olympic Club

Geoffrey Plovanich
The Olympic Club

Heaps Branden
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President's Message

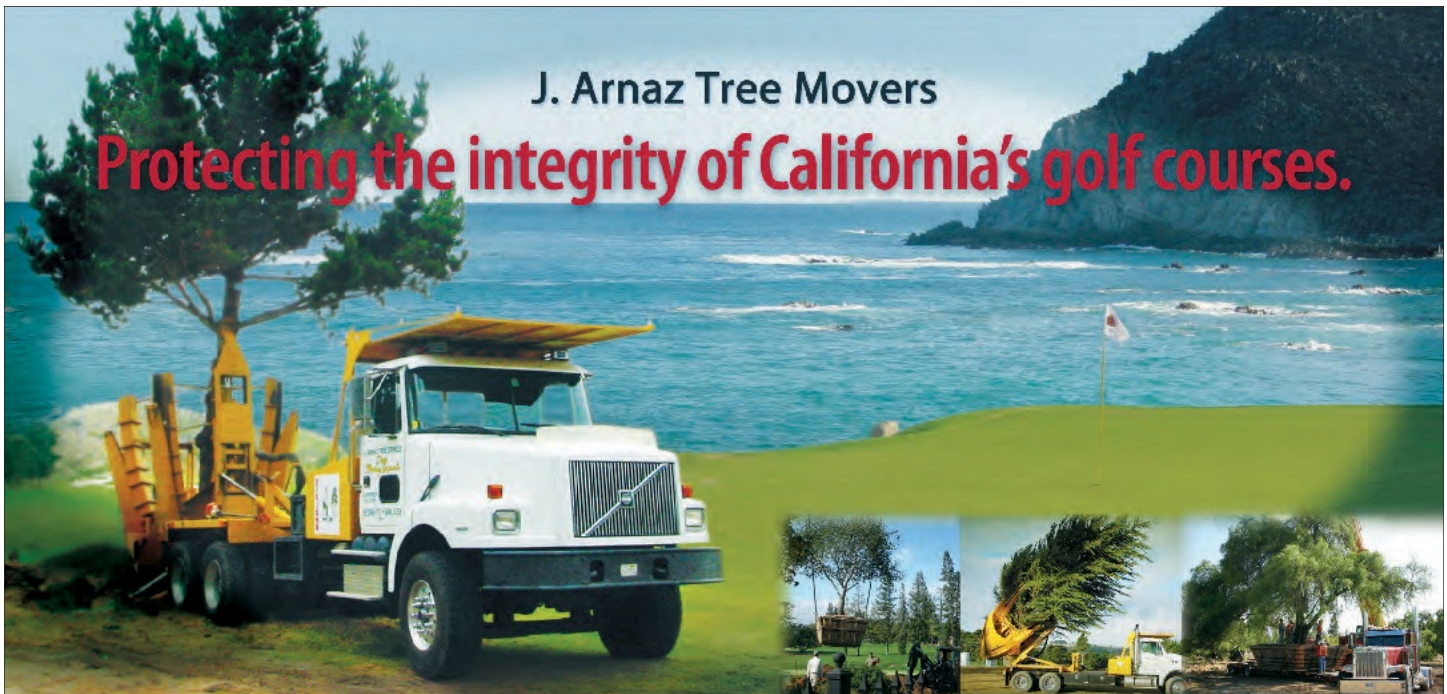
By **JON CHRISTENSEN**

Can We Count On You?

Here we are in the midst of another busy golf season that is already flying by. When are things ever going to slow down? We all get wrapped up in our busy times and work and think we better finish this or that before we give up time for other things. I know I am guilty of that and am sure many of you could say the same thing. Why do I say this?

Well, as we approach the GCSANC calendar and planning stages for this year and next, the board will be taking some of that busy time to ask some difficult questions of ourselves, the Chapter, and the members and sponsors. What are we as an association doing well or not well? Are we having enough meetings or too many meetings? What will our future bring and how can we start by planning for the future now? How can we better serve our oh so important sponsors? What research should we fund for the future of our business? Not only will we be asking ourselves as a board these questions, but we will also be looking for your input as well through some surveys, or better yet, personal phone calls or conversations.

I am hoping we can count on you for some input as we try to make things better and more efficient moving forward, just as we all try to do in our jobs each and every day. Better yet, if you have any words of wisdom you could pass along to a board member, please do so. I am excited for the team that has been assembled for the 2013 Board of Directors, and know we will accomplish some necessary changes as we move through the year. As I mentioned earlier, some of the necessary changes may be visible changes, however, some of the more necessary changes will take place behind the scenes in regards to our Standard Operating Procedures and By-Laws, both of which help guide the Association now and in the future. Though the time commitment of serving on the Board is minimal, it is time that seems harder and harder to come by, which makes it more important than ever to make sure our Association is organized to ensure consistency and efficiency for future volunteers. I hope we can count on you for some valuable input as the busy season progresses. Thanks in advance!



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Editor's Ramblings

By **BRIAN C. NETTZ, CGCS**
Presidio GC; Editor, *Thru The Green*

Yep, that really is a dog on the cover of *TTG*. Yeah, we really did that. It actually turned out to be an interesting social experiment as to how Pirate came to the cover of *TTG*. Since most requests, or pleas really, for photos of many golf courses go unanswered, I decided to try something different, if unoriginal. Like the golf course dog calendars we all see and get, I copied the idea for our cover. And just as Turfnet and Lebanon get more requests than they can print, so did we. You'll most likely see more dogs in future issues. I guess that's where our hearts lie. I'm cool with that. I love dogs too. Even more, the dogs we have are indicators of who we really are and we will all get glimpses of a different side to people we have known for years.

Ken, who is always willing to go the extra mile when it comes to *TTG*, gave us the pooch premier for the cover and a great bio.

Perhaps we are more proud of our dogs than we are of our turf. On any given day they might be more rewarding. It's a tough industry right now and this has always been a tough profession. On the bright side, how many jobs avail themselves to the special bond shared between humans and dogs?

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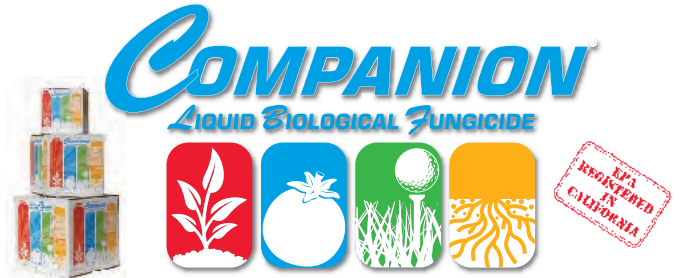


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Tilden Park Superintendents Workshop

You don't want miss this one.

When: May 20

What: Superintendents Field Day

"Creek Renovation in the 21 st Century"

Where: Tilden Park Golf Course

Who: East Bay Regional Park District, FEMA, Tilden Park Golf Course, Restoration Design Group, Vollmar Natural Lands Consulting

In 2005-6 a historic flood event destroyed sections of Wildcat Creek. Environmentally oriented natural flood control, silting prevention and habitat restoration were some of the goals of the restoration project conducted as a multilevel project involving East Bay Regional Park, Tilden Park Golf Course, Federal Emergency Management Agency and private restoration and design companies. Ongoing IPM at Tilden Golf Course.

Why: Learn the ins and outs of cooperative resource, habitat and restoration management and from those who have done the job the "right way".

For details and to keep up to date visit the GCSANC website:

www.gcsanc.com/events/

Aquatic Pesticide Permit Update

Note: The bold text below indicates an update as of February 8, 2013

Existing Permit Good Through 2013;

New Permit Ready for 2014

Based on significant input from permittees, California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) staff recently agreed that continued use of the existing 2004 aquatic pesticide permit through 2013 will be protective of water quality while at the same time allowing for a transition to the new permit.

To view the draft permit and the response to earlier comments, visit the State Board webpage here:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/np-des/aquatic.shtml

The new permit is anticipated to be adopted on the consent calendar and will become effective December 1, 2013. The new permit will likely have a requirement that permit documentation (i.e., revised APAP, NOI, map, etc.) be submitted 90 days prior to pesticide application to allow for adequate time for review by SWRCB staff and the public.

Existing permittees will continue "status quo" through the 2013 weed season. Existing and new permittees that want permit coverage for the 2014 weed season will need to use the new permit. In order to have new permit coverage in place, we recommend that new permit documents be prepared and submitted to the SWRCB staff **on or before November 1, 2013.**

From a practical standpoint, the above is good news for aquatic weed managers. It allows for an orderly transition to the new permit with adequate time to develop revised permit documents in time for the 2014 weed season. To be safe, it will be critical that permit documents be prepared and submitted to the SWRCB staff in the Fall of 2013.

Update provided by Blankinship Associates, Inc.

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CTLS Seeks Members

The California Turfgrass and Landscape Foundation would like to invite all individuals and companies in the turf, landscape and water industries to join the CTLF. This organization raises and distributes funds to support research throughout California.

Over the last decade we have seen the number of researchers and the number of projects decline significantly and there is no time better than the present to support this research individually or through your company or agency. For those requesting invoicing please contact our office.

For more information on the CTLF, please visit our

- Facebook page: www.facebook.com/pages/California-Turfgrass-and-Landscape-Foundation/297048953648860?fref=ts
- Website: www.CaTLF.com

Any further questions can be directed to:

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Turfgrass Information Center

Greetings to all Turfgrass Information Center supporters!

The 2012 TIC Annual Report will bring you up to date on what's happened with the Center during 2012.

Some quick highlights of the report:

- Over 50% of TGIF records now link to full-text!
- 1.1+ million search results presented
- 3 new Full-Text Archive sites launched: Golfdom, Thru the Green, and Hole Notes
- 18,500+ new TGIF records
- 10+ million PDFs displayed of TIC-hosted materials
- 70 academic subscribers worldwide
- An inside look at how TIC's materials are digitized

See the full report: http://tic.msu.edu/TIC_Annual_Report_2012.pdf - please feel to extract and reprint content there as you see fit (with appropriate credit) in any reporting to your membership, boards, committees, or in your publications, etc.

The Turfgrass Information Center is honored to celebrate 30 years of TGIF with all of our supporters! To help us moving forward for another 30 years, please see the "Future Directions and How You Can Help" section.

With regards to all,

The Turfgrass Information Center Staff

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Gone to the Dogs



▲ Here is a photo of my dogs Gordie (sitting in cart and Jack (standing on floorboard). They are Australian Shepherd brothers. Gordie is in charge of wildlife control, while Jack supervises from the cart. Todd Lyijynen, Diablo Country Club

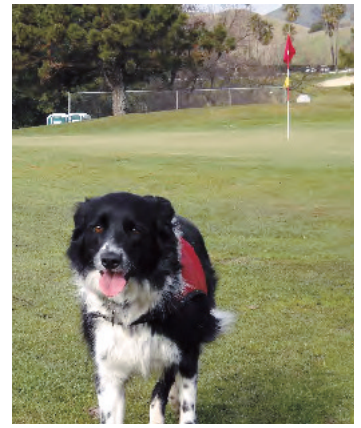


▲ Winona
16 Months,
Miniature Australian
Shepherd/Red Merle
Vince Ferrante
Assistant Superintendent
Spyglass Hill Golf Course

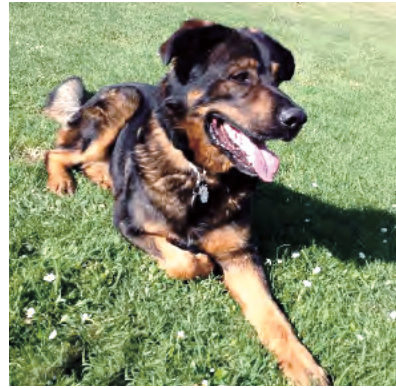


▲ ASPCA rescue
Approximately 4 years old
Border Collie/Australian
Shepherd mix
I trained him how to haze
geese at Empire Ranch and
he is ready for work every
day. Rodney Muller

▼ My name is Steve Pacheco and I am the Golf Course Superintendent at Pajaro Valley Golf Club in Watsonville, CA. My partner with me every day at the course is Yogi. Yogi is a Burnese Mountain/German Shepherd Mix. He is very well behaved, never leaves my side, and has a knack for sniffing out & digging up gophers.



▲ This is Molly a 4½-year-old border collie from Sunol Valley Golf Course, her hobbies are geese and turkey patrol. She has been on the job for four years and loves every minute of it. She is owned by Bill Andrade, golf course superintendent.



▲ Pirate
Breed: Mixed, primarily Australian Shepherd & Border Collie
AKC Certification: None; Age: 8
Breeder: Keith Kaminski, Kaminski Golf Construction
Training: Puppy I, Puppy II
Favorite activities: Frisbee, tug, chasing squirrels, barking at delivery people, herding, running up to members for treats, napping, wading in the creek, wrestling with his brother Buddy II.
Likes: Sniffing, peeing, bones, squeaker toys, peeing, sniffing, crew lunches.
Nickname: Hungry Dog
Tricks: Shaking hands, high-fives, rolling over, air-time Frisbee catch
Worst golf course experience: He caught a squirrel crossing the fairway between two groups of ladies on Ladies Guest Day. He basically shook the squealing squirrel to death before letting go.
Kenneth Williams, CGCS, Stanford University Golf Course

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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.

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