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Dear Voting Delegates and Members,

I would like to thank the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association for nominating me for the office of Director of GCSAA. I appreciate their support and encouragement as I seek to become more involved in giving something back to the profession that has provided me with such enjoyment and satisfaction during my 27 years as a golf course superintendent.

I am also grateful that my wife La Vada, daughters Jennifer and Laura, and my employer Boca Rio Golf Club recognize and appreciate my desire to serve my fellow golf course superintendents as a Director for GCSAA. Because they realize the significant impact our profession has on the game of golf, they are enthusiastically willing to sacrifice a portion of the time that I might normally spend with them. Their steadfast support of my career as a golf course superintendent and my commitment to our profession has always been an integral part of whatever success I have achieved as a golf course superintendent.

I have always strongly believed that being a member of GCSAA is an honor and a privilege. I am very grateful that fellow GCSAA members have always been willing to share information with me, provide guidance for me, and be my friends. I was attracted to our profession while working on golf courses during the time I was earning a college degree. Although my major field of study in college was rich in math and science, it was not related to agronomy. The educational opportunities that GCSAA has provided for me have been and continue to be a critically important part of my growth and development as a golf course superintendent.

I am ever thankful that past GCSAA members, officers and directors have provided the leadership that has kept GCSAA educational efforts as the main priority of our organization, and I am pleased that our current leadership has demonstrated that same commitment. Whether serving as a GCSAA Director or on future GCSAA Committees, I will continue to avidly support development of GCSAA programs that provide affordable and accessible educational opportunities for all golf course superintendents.

Serving on several GCSAA Committees and Resource Groups during the past several years has been a great learning experience for me. Though we may disagree on certain issues at times, it is wonderful to be part of an organization that encourages committees and individual members to express their opinions and ideas regarding the decisions that must be made by our elected leadership. We must be diligent in protecting and improving this process as we work together to resolve issues that GCSAA will address in the coming years. Having served on the Membership Standards Resource Group, I am very pleased that everyone is working together to make implementation of the Professional Development Initiative relevant to the needs of our GCSAA Members. It is especially gratifying to see the rapid development of expanded educational opportunities for golf course superintendents that is at the local chapter level. Compensation, recognition, and appreciation for the efforts of golf course superintendents will continue to improve as we continue to enhance the abilities and competencies of GCSAA members. This initiative will require continuing evaluation and adjustment in future years to provide the results that our members deserve.

We are fortunate to be in a profession dominated by people who love and respect the game of golf and the natural environment we are responsible for on a daily basis. Most golf course superintendents are passionately committed to their work and seek only what is best for golf and the environment. I believe my work experience and both public and private golf facilities, my long-term active involvement in local GCSAA chapters, my desire to see the game of golf enriched by the successful efforts of golf course superintendents, and my service on GCSAA Committees and Resource Groups qualify me to serve the game of golf and the GCSAA if I am given the opportunity to serve on the GCSAA Board. Thank you for considering me for the office of GCSAA Director.

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Pasadena Yacht & Country Club

Returning to Prominence

By Joel Jackson saline irrigation water.

Returning to prominence is the vision of the new owners of the Pasadena Yacht and Country Club located on the shores of Boca Ciega Bay near the southern tip of the Pinellas County peninsula separating Tampa Bay from the Gulf of Mexico. CFC Property Holdings just closed the deal in June, but the principals aren't wasting any time in setting their vision into motion. Bunker remodeling has begun already, the first green has been rebuilt and seashore paspalum is being planted for a trial run with high

Additional personnel and equipment have been added and plans for a new irrigation system are not far behind.

All this has been good news for Superintendent Scott MacEwen, who came on board barely two years ago and has been making modest but noticeable improvements as the budget would allow. MacEwen told the excited owners that before too much dirt was moved around or new grass was planted, the irrigation system needed a serious upgrading to manage and protect any new renovations.

The irrigation system currently uses reclaimed water directly from the city treatment plant and the two pump stations are booster pumps installed in underground vaults. The equipment is so old that MacEwen says badly needed replacement parts are hard, if not impossible, to find. That is just one issue on the plate of the new team whose goal is to return this gem of a golf course to the prominent role it once had in the Tampa Bay area.

The Pasadena Y&CC has a proud and rich golf history that had been overlooked in recent years. According to a history of the

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Pasadena Yacht & Country Club



Front row from left: Keith Lamb, Gerry Montminy, Ray Bradford, Ray Danylieko, Bennett Stein, Wesley Hutchinson, Bahama Goode, Cesar Culabutan. Back Row from left: Bill Jordan, Larry Jordan, William Skidmore, Ed Keen, George Beaty, Bob Wevley, Stephanie Meyers.

Location: Gulfport

Ownership: Pasadena Y&CC Development, LC

Playing policy: Semiprivate

Number of holes: 18 holes. 6,408 yards. Par 72. Course Rating/Slope: 70.6/130

Designed by: Wayne Stiles and John Van Kleek. Opened in 1924.

Management: Club Manager Joe Meyer; Director of Golf Jim Morrissey; Head Golf Professional

Major renovations: Architect Bill Dietsch, Jr did a renovation in the mid-1970s and the signature 18th hole, with a breath-taking view of the bay, was redesigned by Arnold Palmer in 1987. Consultant/Designer Corey Aurand is currently designing new bunker complexes.

Total acreage under maintenance: 125 acres.

Greens: TifDwarf. Avg. Size 6,800 sq.ft. Total 3 acres. HOC .150 in. summer, .135 in. winter. Overseeding: Poa Trivialis @ 12-15 lbs/1,000 sq. ft. Green speed goals: Smooth and consistent. No. 1 green being planted in seashore paspalum.

Tees: Tifway 419 bermudagrass – 5.5 acres. HOC.500 in. Overseeding: ryegrass @ 400 lbs/acre

Fairways: Turf – 419 Tifway bermudagrass – 30 acres. HOC .500 in.

Overseeding: Ryegrass @ 300 lbs/Acre

Roughs: Turf – 419 Tifway bermudagrass – 65 acres. HOC 1.25 in. – 1.50 in. No overseeding.

Bunkers: 51.

Sand type: 37M. Machine raked with John Deere 1200.

Waterways/Lakes: 12 lakes/ponds. Maintenance by outside contractor.

Irrigation: Source: Reclaimed water. Pump station. Control System. No fertigation.

Watering restrictions/Conservation: BMP. **Total staff including superintendent:** 16 full time. 40 hours per week plus 2.0 hours over-time.

Leadership: Assistant Superintendent Keith Lamb; Equipment Manager Larry Jordan; Irrigation Technician George Beatty.

Communications: Weekly staff meetings of all club department heads, Monthly staff/safety meetings with crew.

Cultural Programs: Greens – Summer bermuda: frequent light verticutting and topdressing. Raise HOC to .150. Deep irrigation once per week as needed. Winter – Overseeded Poa Trivialis: Fertilizer – mostly foliar feeding. Light brooming replaces verticutting. Annual total nitrogen: 10-12 lbs/1,000 sq. ft.; phosphorous 3-4 lbs/1,000 sq. ft.; potassium 15-22 lbs/1,000 sq. ft. Aerify twice a year with 5/8-in, x 10-in. tines. Tees – Fertilize monthly with 1:2:1. Mow 3X weekly. Fairways – Fertilize every other month with 1:2:1.5. Circle cut in summer. Roughs – Raise/lower heights of cut.

Management Challenges: Salt, trees (shade and roots), nematodes, and drainage.

Pest Control/IPM: Chipco Choice – rotate annually between fairways and roughs. Monitor pest thresholds.

Wildlife Inventory: Osprey, otter, many species of shorebirds and song birds.

Unusual/historical notes: Walter Hagen was the club's first golf professional. The course hosted 15 St. Petersburg Opens on the PGA Tour in the 50's and 60's and reportedly was site of one of Arnold Palmer's first four victories. The course was also an LPGA Tour stop in the 70's and 80's as the Orange Blossom Classic and S&H Classic

club written in 1974 by Men's Golf Association President Maurice Hollins, the course was designed by the New England golf architect team of Wayne Stiles and John Van Cleek. The course opened in 1924 as the Bear Creek Golf Course in conjunction with the Rolyat Hotel (now the Stetson Law School) with golf great Walter Hagen as one of the two golf professionals on staff.

Hollins goes on to say that during those Florida boom years, only about 25,000 people lived in the area. Another piece of golf trivia is that the course was the site of Bobby Jones's famous and worst defeat — 7 and 6 — at the hands of Hagen. But the boom burst as quickly as it flourished and the hotel and course were closed. The hotel and golf course, rechristened the Pasadena Golf Course reopened in 1930 amid a rising tide of golf promotion in the area. One notable match was a pro-celebrity affair starring a couple of babes. Babe Didrikson (Zaharias) and Babe Ruth took on Lloyd Gullikson and Glenna Collette Vare. Didrikson was the Ladies National Champion at the time and the Vare Trophy for women golfers was named for Ms. Vare.

The 1930s were lean years for everyone and the course existed off the seasonal play, just as many do today. When World War II broke out, the club realized that with all the shortages it could not afford to operate as a golf course. The land was fenced in and used to graze beef cattle. The clubhouse was used as an NCO club and then a commissioned officers club for the Army. After the war, the course was leased to the city of St. Petersburg, but the city canceled the lease in 1954. Marion Boswell, who initiated a Major League Baseball tournament, leased the course until 1968.

Pasadena has been host to 15 St. Petersburg Opens on the PGA Tour, six Major League Baseball tournaments and one Orange Blossom Classic. Also according to Hollins, Arnold Palmer won his first professional golf championship at the 1958 St. Petersburg Open. In 1961 Bob Goalby won the tournament when he birdied eight straight holes (8 through 15) a PGA record that still stands.

Former Pasadena superintendent and West Coast GCSA icon Bud Quandt added that during his tenure in the 1970s and '80s, the LPGA held at least 16 pro tournaments under various names like the Orange Blossom

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Classic and the S&H Classic. The West Coast GCSA honored Quandt by naming its major annual fundraising tournament after him and the

Pasadena Y&CC hosted 33 of these tournaments that have benefited turf research and local charities.

All of this history has energized the new owners and helped to focus their restorations, not only on the grounds, but also the

Superintendent Facts

Scott MacEwen



Originally from: Miami

Family: Wife Kathy; Sons, Kyle (16) and Clayton (12) and daughter Colleen (10)

Education: Bachelor of Arts in communications from Florida Southern College in Lakeland. Turf Management Certificate from the University of Georgia.

Employment history: 1989-92 Golf Club of Miami,

Crew member promoted to assistant superintendent in 1991; 1992 Tournament Players Club of Tampa Bay, assistant superintendent; 1996 -2002 promoted to superintendent at TPC Tampa Bay; May 2002 to present, Pasadena Y&CC golf course superintendent.

Professional affiliations: GCSAA and Florida West Coast GCSA.

How did you get into the business? I left a good advertising job in Miami to rake bunkers. I made this career change and worked my way up.

Mentors/Career Influence: Cal Roth of the PGA Tour staff gave me the opportunity to become a superintendent and taught me how to be a good superintendent. I also want to thank all those assistant superintendents who worked so hard for me during my career. Most importantly my wife family who have been there for me through the good and not so good times, to help me, teach me and share my successes.

Accomplishments: In 1989 I was working in advertising. Seven years later I was a golf course superin-

tendent hosting a televised professional golf tournament.

Goals: Earn the respect of my peers. Make our course a certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary. Oversee a golf course renovation maybe here at Pasadena Y&CC.

Work philosophy: Work hard but enjoy every moment, since life is too short. Don't sweat the small stuff because it's all small stuff.

Advice: Always provide more than is expected of you and never take things for granted. Do every job as if you were being interviewed for the first time. Pay attention to details.

Memorable moments: Hosting televised golf tournaments (Senior PGA). Second honeymoon in San Diego at the 2004 GCSAA conference. Watching my kids grow up.

Hobbies/Interests: Watching my children play sports. I can't get enough. Little League coaching. Fishing. Golf.

prominent role the club played in the development of golf in the bay area. I met Mike Vickers, one of the new owners, while visiting Pasadena for this story.

He said, "We are so happy that Scott is here as part of the team that will be rebuilding Pasadena. He had made good strides even before we came on board. The members are extremely happy with his efforts to make improvements."

MacEwen is not bashful about taking on challenges. His journey to Pasadena came by way of TPC of Tampa Bay, where he worked for 10 years first as the assistant superintendent and then as superintendent. Like many superintendents, MacEwen came to the business after making a career change. As a high school student working on the yearbook, MacEwen saw himself some day as the editor of *Sports Illustrated*. So after majoring in communications with an emphasis in public relations and advertising, he set out to conquer the publications world. But he found out fast that the major magazines don't hire aspiring graphic artists fresh out of college.

He found work in his hometown of Miami with a small company and was actually doing quite well as a paste-up artist, but MacEwen could see there wasn't much future down that path for someone with grander aspirations.

Somehow on his list of options, working outdoors on a golf course crept to the top. He sent out 40 resumes and got back two written rejections. So he started knocking on doors and the one that opened was at the Golf Club of Miami that the PGA had just purchased and was renovating in 1989.

MacEwen said, "I think they wanted to test this rookie golf course worker to see

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what I was made of because the first two weeks, all I did was pick rocks out of bunkers. The first week they would drop me off at a bunker complex with my lunch and some water and pick me

up at the end of the day. The next week I was given my own vehicle to drive myself out to the rock pile. Pretty soon I was cutting cups and before too long I was operating the sprayer.”

MacEwen’s abilities earned him a promotion to assistant superintendent in 1991 and the next year he was transferred to TPC Tampa Bay, where he began a decade of hands-on expe-



Number 3 green and Boca Ciega Bay as seen from the fourth tee. Photo by Daniel Zelazek.