

PRESIDENT

Name: Paul McGinnis
Age: 45
Course: Moon Valley CC, Peoria, Ariz.

Former head superintendent at: Union Hills CC, Peoria; Palmbrook CC, Sun City; The Wigwam CC, West Course, Litchfield Park, Ariz.

Years GCSAA member: 19
GCSAA posts: Current vice president; board member since 1992; chairman of chapter relations, planning, finance, scholarship and research, tournament, publication and research



Paul McGinnis

committees; vice chairman of research; member of conference and show, planning, nominating and standards committees.

Other associations: Past president of Cactus & Pine GCSA; member of U.S. Golf Association Green Section Committee.

Education: Bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from Arizona State University.

Family: Wife, Kendra; children, Marci, 23; Kari, 21; Michelle, 19; Magen, 15.

Goal: (See related story, page 1)

GCSAA CANDIDATES AT A GLANCE

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VICE-PRESIDENT

Name: George Renault
Age: 48
Course: Burning Tree Club, Bethesda, Md.

Former head superintendent at: Chevy Chase (Md.) Club; Penderbrook GC, Fairfax, Va.; Goose Creek CC, Leesburg, Va.

Years GCSAA member: 19
GCSAA posts: Board of director member since 1993; chairman of tournament, career development, certification and government relations committees; vice chairman of publications/TRAC, scholarship and research, and chapter relations committees; eight-year voting delegate; member of federal Americans with Disabilities Act Golf Advisory Commission, Watson Fellowship Selection Committee and Responsible Industry



George Renault

for a Sound Environment [RISE] government issues committee.

Other associations: Past president of Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS and Greater Washington GCSA; past member University of Maryland Turf Advisory Committee and Maryland Turfgrass Council advisory committee; member of Maryland and Virginia turfgrass councils.

Education: Certificate in golf and turfgrass management, University of Maryland.

Family: Wife, Lucinda; children, George, 19, Lucy, 15.

Goal: "Running for the board and vice president is the best way to continue my commitment to GCSAA and see through the mandates the membership has set."

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Name: David Fearis
Age: 50
Course: Blue Hills Country Club, Kansas City, Mo.

Former head superintendent at: Country Club of Peoria (Ill.); technical representative for O.M. Scotts for 4 years.

Years GCSAA member: 29
GCSAA posts: Board of director member since 1993; chairman of the government relations, certification, information services, education, public relations and curriculum review resource committees; vice chairman of the conference and show, certification, government relations and technical information resource committees; International Conference and Show speaker and session chairman; member of finance, public golf resource, association planning, magazine, ethics, nominating, standards and integrated pest management special risk committees; charter and lifetime member Golden Tee Club.

Other associations: Past president Central Illinois GCSA, Heart of America GCSA and Illinois Turfgrass Foundation; director Midwest Regional Turf Foundation; member Missouri Valley Turfgrass Association, Midwest Turf Foundation and Kansas Turfgrass Foundation.

Education: B.S. in agronomy, Purdue University.

Family: Wife, Lynn; children, Blaise, 17.

Goal: "I just want to keep the ball rolling. We are making great progress in improving the superintendent's professional image. Golf Digest did a survey recently asking members who was the most important person at their club. Forty-eight percent said the superintendent, 25 percent the pro and 14 percent the club manager. That shows the work we've been doing has had a positive effect."



Dave Fearis

Name: R. Scott Woodhead
Age: 41
Course: Valley View GC, Bozeman, Mont.

Former head superintendent at: Town & CC, Miles City, Mont.; Univ. of Montana GC, Missoula.

Years GCSAA member: 14
GCSAA posts: Board member since 1993; chairman of public relations, publications, scholarship, confence and show, membership, career development; vice chairman of certification, education, public relations and government relations committees; member of scholarship and research, membership, chapter relations, conference planning, seminar resource and conference and show committees.

Other associations: Director and past president of Peaks and Prairie GCSA and a member of the Association of Montana Turf and Ornamental Professionals.

Education: Bachelors degree in landscape management, Montana State Univ.

Family: Wife, Valerie; children Andrew, 5, Jeremy, 3.

Goal: "GCSAA's mission is to serve its members, advance its members and enrich the quality of golf and the environment."

"Providing quality member services and putting your dues dollar to work for you have been my top priority for the past four years."

As secretary/treasurer, I pledge to continue to listen to your suggestions and concerns and always keep the best interests of the association and its members at the forefront of my decisions.

"We must maximize every dollar received, continue to challenge our vendors and constantly review our programs. This will allow us to provide the membership with the highest quality services available."



Scott Woodhead

BOARD MEMBER

Name: Tommy D. Witt
Age: 43
Course: Wynstone GC, North Barrington, Ill.

Former head superintendent at: Bent Tree Country Club, Dallas; Austin (Texas) Country Club; Riverhill Club, Kerrville, Texas.

Years GCSAA member: 18
GCSAA posts: Board member since 1994; chairman of public golf resource group, research, career development, education, membership and tournament committees; member of certification, bylaws resource, conference, fundraising, resource and scholarship and research committees.

Other associations: Past president of Central Texas GCSA; immediate past president of Lone Star GCSA; past vice president of North Texas GCSA;

chapter liaison and voting delegate for North Texas and Lone Star chapters; board member of Bentgrass Research Inc., North Texas and Lone Star GCSAs, Midwest and Chicagoland Associations of GCS.

Education: B.S. in agronomy with turfgrass management option from Texas A&M University.

Family: Wife, Lorrie; Children, Seth, 9, Lauren, 8, Tanner, 6.

Goal: "I'd like to see the profession move forward so that superintendents are seen in the same light as members of the other allied associations."

"Employers and the golfing public need to be made aware of the challenges golf course superintendents face and the contributions superintendents make to their facilities."



Tommy Witt

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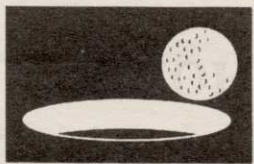
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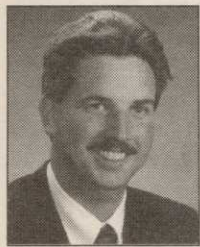
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BOARD MEMBER

Name: Jon Maddern
Age: 38
Course: Elk Ridge GC, Atlanta, Mich.
Former head superintendent at: Golf grounds and park superintendent at City of Farmington Hills, Mich.; Hillcrest CC in Mt. Clemens, Mich.



Jon Maddern

Years GCSAA member: 20

GCSAA posts: Member of GCSAA education, government relations and elections committees; chapter delegate.

Other associations: President of Michigan Turfgrass Foundation; secretary/treasurer of Northern Michigan Turf Managers Association; past secretary/treasurer of Greater Detroit GCSA; member, Western Michigan GCSA and Golf Association of Michigan.

Education: Certificate in Turfgrass Management, Michigan State University.

Family: Wife, Bev; children, Brad, 14, Heather, 10.

Goal: "I hope to take the next step as far as involvement, to show by participating the importance of GCSAA to all superintendents, the industry, and the game. To try and make GCSAA better than it is now."

Name: Michael Wallace
Age: 46
Course: Hop Meadow CC, Simsbury, Conn.
Former head superintendent at: Rockledge CC and Buena Vista GC, West Hartford, Conn.
Years GCSAA member: 19
GCSAA posts: Chairman of conference and show and membership committees; past vice chairman of technical information services, scholarship and career development services committees; member of scholarship foundation board, public relations and membership services committees; candidate at chapter relations annual meeting; member career development group; voting and alternate delegate.



Michael Wallace

Other associations: Past president of Connecticut GCSA; member of Environmental Industry Council of Connecticut.

Education: Associate's degree in turfgrass management, University of Massachusetts.

Family: Children, Tye, 28; Grier, 26; Ian, 25; Sian, 22.

Goal: "We have a very dynamic board. My goal is to be a team player, help the organization move forward in education and other programs we offer and represent the industry to the best of my ability where appropriate."

Name: Samuel Snyder
Age: 42
Course: Hercules CC, Nottingham, Pa.
Former head superintendent at: Colonial CC, Harrisburg, Pa.; Sheraton Golf Links, Greensburg, Pa.; Grandview GC, Curwensville, Pa.; Punxsutawney (Pa.) CC.
Years GCSAA member: 20



Samuel Snyder

GCSAA posts: Member of career development, scholarship & research and nominating committees; member of fundraising resource group.

Other associations: Past president of Central Pennsylvania GCSA; vice president of Pittsburgh GCSA; past president of Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council; past president of Allied Golf Course Superintendents of Pennsylvania; and a past board member of Allegheny Mountain Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Education: Certificate in turfgrass management from Pennsylvania State University.

Family: Wife, Susan; Children, Emily, 15, Sam, 9.

Goal: "It's very important that we continue the environmental awareness campaign, to get the word out that this is a profession that cares about the environment and educates its members on how to protect it."

"We also need to enhance professional development programs so that club members and owners are aware how important the superintendent is to their operation and how superintendents can remain in this career until retirement."

Loggins to entertain

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Hailed as an energetic and entertaining performer, singer Kenny Loggins will cap a star-studded evening at the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) Gala '97, Tuesday, Feb. 11, here in the grand ballroom of Bally's Hotel.

During Gala '97, PGA Tour great and golf course developer Ben Crenshaw will be recognized as the recipient of GCSAA's highest honor, the Old Tom Morris Award.

Loggins' performance will be preceded by a reception at 6 p.m., with gala ceremonies including a banquet and awards presentation beginning at 7 p.m. About 1,500 conference and show attendees are expected to attend the event.

In 1985, Loggins' self-produced "Vox Humana" album was certified gold and in the process earned two Grammys.

Tickets for Gala '97 are \$75 for GCSAA members and are available now through the advanced registration brochure (distributed earlier this year to members). The non-member price is \$100.

1997 GCSAA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT VENUE

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Following are brief descriptions and histories of the six golf courses where the 1997 GCSAA annual golf championship will be played. Each flight will play 18 holes each at two of the six courses:

Badlands Golf Club — A Johnny Miller signature golf course completed in October 1995. Miller's design team, which included Chi Chi Rodriguez, created a challenging 7,106-yard, par-72 layout with a 73.1 rating from the back tees with a slope rating of 133. Badlands offers panoramic views of the Red Rock Canyon Conservation Area, as well as the entire Las Vegas Valley. Gregg Fjelland is the superintendent.

Las Vegas Hilton Country Club — This championship layout hosts the PGA Tour's Las Vegas Invitational and many other PGA and LPGA events. The classic design features rolling fairways, glistening lakes and smooth greens. Dotted with lush palm, pine and olive trees, this par-71 course measures 6,815 yards from the championship tees, with a course rating of 72.1 and a slope of 130. David Reich is the superintendent.

Las Vegas Paiute Resort - Nu-Waiv Kaiv Course (Snow Mountain) — Golf course architect Pete Dye worked with the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe and Landmark Golf Company to create the Nu-Waiv Kaiv course, which opened in 1995. It's got all the classic Dye goodies — pot bunkers, railroad ties and waste areas integrated into the native desert. From the back tees the course measures 7,158 yards with a course rating of 73.9 and a slope of 125. James Sprinkle III is the superintendent.

Las Vegas Paiute Resort - Tav-ai Kaiv Course (Snow Mountain) — The newest of the courses in the bunch, Tav-ai Kaiv just opened in September 1996. Another Pete Dye creation, Tav-ai Kaiv offers beautiful mountain scenery and rolling terrain. The par-72 Tav-ai Kaiv measures 7,212 yards from the back tees.

Sunrise Country Club — Sunrise features undulating terrain, numerous water hazards and large greens with extensive pitch and roll as requested by Jim Colbert, the senior PGA star who was one of the developers of Sunrise. The 7,200-yard, par-72 West Course layout was designed by Jeff Brauer, 1995 American Society of Golf Course Architects President. The course rating is 73.6 with a slope of 127. William Rohrer is the superintendent.

Wildhorse Golf Club — Redesigned by Robert Cupp and Hubert Green in 1989, this 7,053-yard,

par-72 championship layout has a 75.2 rating from the gold tees with a slope of 135. The course features contoured fairways and a strategic mix of sand and water along with tiered bentgrass greens. Tim Martinez is the superintendent.

GCSAA GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP PAST WINNERS

Year	Site	Champion
1940	Indianapolis	Emil Masciocchi
1941	St. Paul, Minn.	Emil Masciocchi
1946	Indianapolis	Emil Masciocchi
1947	State College, Pa.	Roy Jones
1948	Chicago	Emil Masciocchi
1949	Akron, Ohio	Emil Masciocchi
1950	Lansing, Mich.	Emil Masciocchi
1951	Lafayette, Ind.	Paul Schurtz
1952	Columbus, Ohio	John Zoller
1954	Miami	Marcus List
1956	Long Beach, Ca.	Marcus List
1958	Pinehurst, N.C.	John Connolly
1960	Houston	Bill Adams
1962	Miami	Bob Mitchell
1963	Palm Springs, Ca.	Chuck Fatum
1968	Monterey, Calif.	Art Donaldson
1969	Freeport, Bahamas	Gene Stoddard
1970	Houston	Bob Martino
1971	Phoenix	Harry Cirata
1972	Tallahassee, Fla.	Bob Martino
1973	Hilton Head, S.C.	Bob Martino
1974	Anaheim, Calif.	Ennio Lattini
1975	Pensacola, Fla.	John Doughton Jr.
1976	Toledo, Ohio	William Knox
1977	Monterey, Calif.	Vaughn Barker
1978	Corpus Christi, Tex.	Thomas C. Hamilton
1979	Sea Island, Ga.	Dan Meyers
1980	Guadalajara, Mex.	Thomas C. Hamilton
1981	Anaheim, Ca.	Dan Meyers
1982	Orlando, Fla.	Mike Apodaca
1983	Myrtle Beach, S.C.	Roger Null
1984	Scottsdale, Ariz.	Dan Meyers
1985	Hilton Head, S.C.	Dave Powell
1986	Palm Desert, Ca.	David Oliver
1987	Tucson, Ariz.	Mike Apodaca
1988	Houston	Dave Powell
1989	Palm Springs	Dave Powell
1990	Orlando, Fla.	Roger Null
1991	Scottsdale, Ariz.	Roger Null
1992	Ponte Vedra, Fla.	Gary D. Bennett
1993	San Diego	Richard A. Stuntz
1994	Austin, Texas	Robert Friend
1995	Monterey, Ca.	Todd Barker
1996	Orlando, Fla.	Jim Dusch

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Dusch in defense

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counterparts from Britain, Europe and Australasia.

"It's a lot of fun and giggles," Dusch said, "but when the rubber hits the road everybody's trying to win. It gets very competitive. Everybody's trying to finish in the top few."

As competitive as Dusch, Williamson and others may be during the tourney,

they also said the event is yet another valuable educational seminar.

"I have always felt I learned as much networking and walking and playing a golf course with my peers as I do any other way," said Williamson, who's been head superintendent at Ojai Valley the past 10 years. A 1.6 handicap, Williamson, 45, was also on the 1996 Americas Hayter Cup team.

"The tournament is always a great learning experience," he added. "It's a blast."