

# GCSAA candidates at a glance

## VICE PRESIDENT

**Name:** R. Scott Woodhead  
**Age:** 42  
**Course:** Valley View GC, Bozeman, Mont.

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

**Years GCSAA member:** 15  
**GCSAA posts held:** Board member since 1993; secretary/treasurer 1998; chairman of research, information services, Par for the Course Resource Group, public relations, publications, scholarship, conference and show, membership, career development committees; vice chairman of chapter relations, certification, education, public relations and government relations committees; co-chairman of employer resource group; 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:** Bachelor's degree in landscape management, Montana State Univ.  
**Family:** Wife, Valerie; children Andrew, 7, Jeremy, 5.

**Goal:** "It is an honor to receive the nomination for vice president of GCSAA. I am humbled by the prospect of leading this dynamic association into the next millennium. As vice president, I will continue placing the best interests of all members at the forefront of my decisions. And putting every GCSAA dollar to work for members through improved member services will dominate my priority list. Our strategic plan is well researched and key indicators would suggest that we are making great strides in the areas of public perception, employer recognition and environmental awareness. I am prepared to accept the added responsibilities that go with the office of vice president of GCSAA."



R. Scott Woodhead

## BOARD MEMBERS

**Name:** Joseph Emanuel  
**Age:** 45  
**Course:** Hurstbourne Country Club, Louisville, Ky.

**Former head superintendent at:** Lexington (Ky.) CC; Tantallon CC, Fort Washington, Md.

**Years GCSAA member:** 23

**GCSAA posts held:** Member of membership, chapter relations and education committees; Bluegrass GCSA chapter delegate since 1989.

**Other associations:** Past president of Bluegrass GCSA; director of Kentuckiana GCSA; director of Kentucky Turf Council; member of the education committee of the KTC; member of Mid-Atlantic GCSA; member of Ohio Turf Foundation.

**Education:** Associate's degree in turfgrass and golf course management from University of Maryland.



Joseph Emanuel

**Family:** Wife, Peggy; children Allison, 20, Dennis, 16.

**Goal:** "I have been heavily involved in local and state associations throughout my career. Working on national committees I've gotten a flavor of the association. I want to give back to the industry, promoting the image and profession of the golf course superintendent. I favor instituting entry-level standards that would solidify to the golfing public what it means to be a GCSAA member."

**Name:** James Nicol  
**Age:** 46  
**Course:** Hazeltine National GC, Chaska, Minn.

**Former head superintendent at:** Bunker Hills GC, Coon Rapids, Minn.

**Years GCSAA member:** 20  
**GCSAA posts held:** Member of public relations, election and chapter relations committees and the Par for the Course Resource Group.

**Other associations:** President of Minnesota GCSA; director of Minn. Golf Association; member of U.S. Golf Association; Penn State Turfgrass Alumni Association, and OJ Noer Foundation.

**Education:** Two-year certificate in turfgrass management from Penn State University.

**Family:** Wife, Barbara.  
**Goal:** "Membership standards are good, but should be obtainable and affordable for all members. We should strengthen the continuing testing procedures for recertification and GCSAA's public relations programs. And we should help provide educational opportunities that would help superintendents advance to other positions, such as general manager."



James Nicol

## SECRETARY/TREASURER

**Name:** Tommy D. Witt  
**Age:** 45  
**Course:** Director of Golf Management, Stillwaters Resort, Dadeville, Ala.

**Former head superintendent at:** Wynstone GC, North Barrington, Ill.; Bent Tree Country Club, Dallas; Austin (Texas) Country Club; Riverhill Club, Kerrville, Texas.

**Years GCSAA member:** 20  
**GCSAA posts held:** Board member since 1994;

chairman of public golf resource, employers and student resource groups; chairman of publications, research, career development, education, membership and tournament committees; vice chairman of public relations committee; member of certification, bylaws resource, conference, fundraising, resource and scholarship and research committees.

**Other associations:** Past president of Central Texas GCSA; 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; former 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, 11, Lauren, 10, Tanner, 7.

**Goal:** "I am excited about the opportunity of continuing my Golf Course Superintendents Association of America service in the secretary/treasurer position. My interest in



Tommy Witt

serving my professional association has remained consistent during the past five years. I enjoy working with those fellow golf course superintendents (board and committee members) who are dedicated to improving and advancing our profession. Although there are many facets and responsibilities of board service, I have a sincere interest in continuing the positive work that recent boards, committees and staff have provided. The association has grown significantly over the past five years in numbers, finances, services and programs.

Trust has been restored between the chapters and GCSAA headquarters. GCSAA continues to promote, educate, serve, market and represent golf course superintendents worldwide. Mandates relating to professional image, environmental benefits of golf, serving members through chapters and influencing job continuity and opportunity are the cornerstones of the many programs and objectives that are elevating the golf course superintendent's position in the industry. I would like to continue to be part of the team that has been so productive and visionary. While there are many success stories relating to the golf course superintendent, we still have a long way to go until golfers and employers fully understand and recognize the value and contribution this profession provides in managing a facility's most valuable asset, the golf course. Employer education is of significant interest to me. I am committed to doing my part to serve and promote our profession."

**Name:** Michael Wallace  
**Age:** 48  
**Course:** Hop Meadow CC, Simsbury, Conn.  
**Former head superintendent at:** Rockledge CC and Buena Vista GC, West Hartford, Conn.

**Years GCSAA member:** 21  
**GCSAA posts held:** Board member since 1995;

chairman of conference and show, membership, scholarship, publication, certification and communications committees; vice chairman of technical information services, scholarship and career development services committees; member of planning, scholarship foundation board, public relations and membership services committees; candidate at chapter relations annual meeting; member of career development group; voting and alternate delegate.

**Other associations:** Past president of Connecticut GCSA;



Michael Wallace

member of Environmental Industry Council of Connecticut.

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

**Family:** Children, Tye, 30; Grier, 28; Ian, 27; Sian, 24.

**Goal:** "I'm very proud of what we've accomplished over the past four years at GCSAA. We've started some initiatives that are being developed, like membership standards. The only way one can continue to have an effect on things like that is to stay involved. I see this as a multiple-year journey when you get involved as a director. The natural progression after four or five years is to move up through the chairs. Having served on a number of committees and taken part in a number of board meetings, I feel I'm ready to do that."

**Name:** Timothy O'Neill  
**Age:** 41  
**Course:** CC of Darien, Darien, Conn.

**Years GCSAA member:** 18 years  
**GCSAA posts held:** Member of the public relations and chapter relations committees; former chapter delegate and chapter president of the Metropolitan GCSA.

**Other associations:** Member of the Connecticut and Rhode Island GCSAs; vice president of the Tri-State Turf Research Foundation.

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in turfgrass management from the University of Rhode Island.

**Family:** Wife, Jennifer; children, Justin, 9, Kristen, 7.

**Goal:** "As a director, I want to be an effective leader and represent all golf course superintendents. Communicating



Timothy O'Neill

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## BOARD MEMBERS

**Name:** Samuel Snyder

**Age:** 44

**Course:** Hercules CC, Nottingham, Pa.

**Former head superintendent at:** Colonial CC, Harrisburg, Pa.; Sheraton Golf Links, Greensburg, Pa.; Grandview GC, Curwensville, Pa.; Punxsu-tawney (Pa.) CC, Pa.

**Years GCSAA member:** 22

**GCSAA posts held:** Chair-

man of the career development, membership, conference and show committees; vice chairman of the education committee and student resource group; member of career development, scholarship & research and nominating committees and the 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 GCS of Pennsylvania; past board member of Allegheny Mountain Golf Course Superintendents Association.

**Education:** Certificate in turfgrass management from Pennsylvania State University.

**Family:** Wife, Susan; Emily, 17, Sam, 11.

**Goal:** "Membership standards

will drive everything in the future.



Samuel Snyder

Superintendents need to be able to present themselves well and articulate their ideas in order to become a force to be reckoned with. GCSAA should provide the impetus in that area."

### GCSAA ELECTIONS SET FOR FEBRUARY

ORLANDO, Fla. — GCSAA members will elect three officers and three directors from among the 10 candidates (including Dave Fearis) at the annual meeting scheduled for Feb. 13 here.

**Name:** Mark Woodward

**Age:** 46

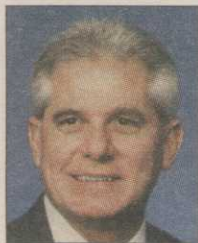
**Course:** Dobson Ranch and Riverview GCs, Mesa, Ariz.

**Years GCSAA member:** 20

**GCSAA posts held:** Member of membership and career development committees.

**Other associations:** Chair-elect of National Institute of Golf Management; past president and current member of Cactus and Pine GCSA.

**Education:** Bachelor's of science



Mark Woodward

degree in environmental resources and agriculture, Arizona State University; masters in business administration, University of Phoenix.

**Family:** Children: Matt, 21, Erin 19.

**Goal:** "I am passionate about everything GCSAA stands for, including the four mandates: image, environment, chapters and career opportunities. Therefore, my primary goal in running for the board is to assist the association in the advancement of the golf superintendent's profession. This would include both internally with its members and externally with those associated with the golf industry, but just as importantly, those outside the golf industry. I feel my customer service-oriented management style, my current broad-spectrum job responsibilities, my educational background, my years of experience, my representation of the public golf sector and the fact that I'm from the Western United States are all strengths I would bring to the board."

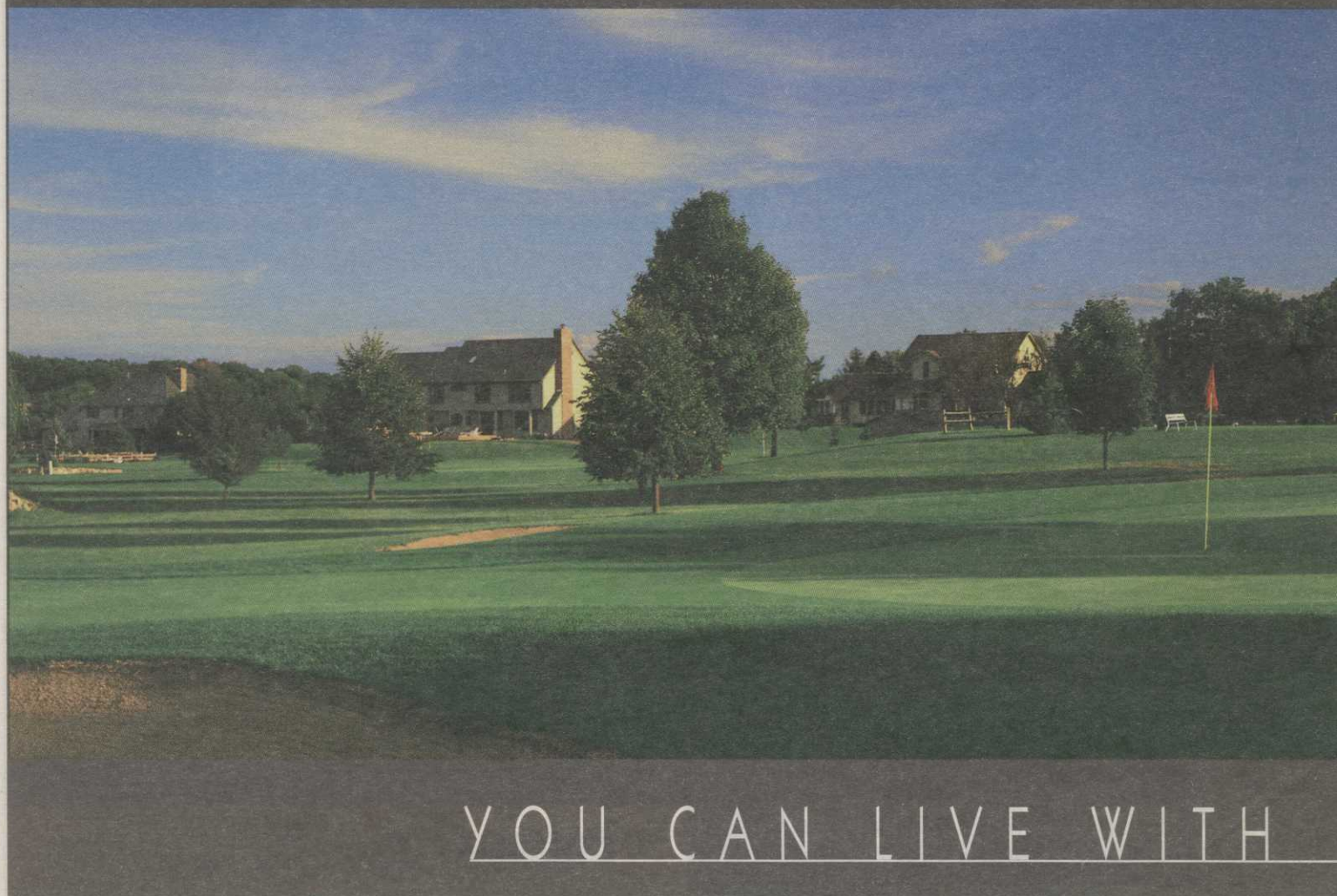
## O'Neill

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our initiatives and vital role in the game of golf — to both our members and the general public — is important. But equally crucial to the continued growth and prosperity of our profession, is finding new and innovative ways to address the challenges we face every day. Whether our goal is to enhance chapter relations, increase member involvement, or ensure ongoing research and education, I pledge to do everything possible to support these initiatives."

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