

Election 2000 candidates at a glance

PRESIDENT

Name: R. Scott Woodhead

Age: 44

Course: Valley View GC, Bozeman, Mont.

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

Years GCSAA member: 17

GCSAA posts held: Vice president 1999; secretary/treasurer 1998; board member since 1993; chairman of the certification, chapter relations, research, information services, Par for the Course Resource Group, public relations, publications, scholarship, conference and show, membership and career development committees; vice chairman of member standards resource group, industry advisory council, education, and government relations committees; co-chairman of employer resource group.



Scott Woodhead

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 from Montana State University

Family: Wife, Valerie; children Andrew, 8, Jeremy, 6.

Goal: "My primary goal is to deliver education to as many members as possible at as reasonable of a cost as possible using technology in any way we can. Otherwise I want to hold the course and continue with the strategies and goals of those who have preceded me. I have no monuments to build [to myself]. If everything runs smoothly this year I'll be very happy to step aside a year from now and feel very gratified with what I was able to do."

VICE PRESIDENT

Name: Tommy D. Witt

Age: 46

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: 21

GCSAA posts held: Board member since 1994; chairman of, employers resource group, public golf resource group, and student resource groups; chairman of publications, research, career development, education, membership and tournament committees; vice chairman of chapter relations and public relations committees; member of certification, bylaws resource, conference, fundraising, resource and scholarship and research committees.



Tommy Witt

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, 11, Tanner, 9.

Goal: "I enjoy working with my fellow board members and am encouraged by the progress we've made over the past six years. It's gratifying to represent my fellow golf course superintendents in this arena."

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Name: Samuel Snyder

Age: 45

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: 23

GCSAA posts held: Board member since 1997; chairman of the education, scholarship, career development, membership, conference and show committees; vice chairman of the student resource group; member of scholarship & research and nominating committees and the fundraising resource group.

Other associations: Past president of



Samuel Snyder

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 GCSA.

Education: Certificate in turfgrass management from Pennsylvania State University.

Family: Wife, Susan; Emily, 18, Sam, 12.

Goal: "I want to play a role in the professional development of the superintendent, so that we can put our best foot forward and be recognized as professionals. I'm very excited about education, particularly the new ways it is being delivered, such as the Internet, which makes educational opportunities accessible to more members."

Name: Michael Wallace

Age: 49

Course: Hop Meadow CC, Simsbury, Conn.

Former head superintendent at: Rockledge CC and Buena Vista GC, West Hartford, Conn.

Years GCSAA member: 22

GCSAA posts held: Board member since 1995; chairman of information services, student resource group, 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, public relations and member-



Michael Wallace

ship services committees; delegate at chapter relations annual meeting; member of career development group; voting and alternate delegate.

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, 31; Grier, 29; Ian, 28; Sian, 25.

Goal: "To keep the GCSAA moving forward. We've made tremendous progress in recent years and I've been involved in many projects that are starting to come to fruition. I want to stay involved and have an impact on the future direction of the organization."

BOARD MEMBERS

Name: Timothy O'Neill

Age: 42

Course: CC of Darien, Darien, Conn.

Former head superintendent at: N/A

Years GCSAA member: 19

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; 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, 10, Kristen, 8.

Goal: "I am excited about the opportunity to work on our board of directors. I want to continue the many worthwhile initiatives that have advanced GCSAA and the profession of the golf course superintendent. GCSAA should continue its main mission to provide support to superintendents through quality education. My enthusiasm to be involved at this level is fueled by the pride I have in this organization and my love for the profession. If elected, I plan to use my experience and enthusiasm to continue the work of the association."



Timothy O'Neill



James Nicol

Name: James Nicol

Age: 47

Course: Hazeltine National GC, Chaska, Minn.

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

Years GCSAA member: 21

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, Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council and OJ Noer Foundation.

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

Family: Wife, Barbara.

Goal: "One of my primary goals is to make sure GCSAA's programs are affordable for all our members and never get to the point of being exclusionary. Two, we need to promote the superintendent's image with the general public and do even more in the public relations arena. Three, we need to ratchet up the recertification requirements for our members. Four, GCSAA needs to do more tangible things that benefit members, for instance safety training for using respirators that could be put on a CD or disk and made available to GCSAA members and their staffs."

BOARD MEMBERS

Name: Ken Mangum
Age: 46

Course: Director of golf courses and grounds at Atlanta Athletic Club, Duluth, Ga.

Former head superintendent at: Idle Hour CC in Macon, Ga.; Lagoon Park in Montgomery, Ala.

Years GCSAA member: 25

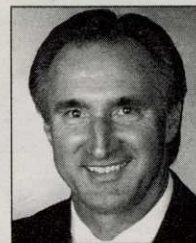
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relations, government relations, education, membership and certification committees.

Other associations: Past president, board member and voting delegate of the Georgia GCSA; member of the USGA Green Section committee, Georgia State Golf Association, Atlanta Junior Golf Association, Abraham Baldwin

Agricultural College Advisory Board, Georgia Turfgrass Association (selected as the Georgia turf professional of the year in 1996) and Carolina Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Education: Associate's degree in golf course operations from Lake City (Fla.) Community College.



Ken Mangum

Family: Wife, Pam; children, Miranda, 22, Trey, 19, Hayley 18.

Goal: "To serve the members and the profession. The Professional Development Initiative is going to play a major role in the future of our profession and I'm excited to be a part of that, particularly in terms of employer recognition."

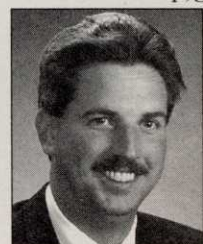
Name: Jon Maddern
Age: 41

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.

Years GCSAA member: 23

GCSAA posts held: Board member since 1998; chairman of the membership, government relations and information services committees; vice chairman of employer resource and education committees; member of the elections committee; chapter delegate.



Jon Maddern

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

Education: Certificate in Turfgrass Management, Michigan State University.

Family: Wife, Bev; children, Brad, 17, Heather, 14.

Goal: "To fulfill and expand services that GCSAA can offer to its members and improve the image of the golf course superintendent in the game of golf."

GCSAA members will elect three officers and two directors during the Feb. 19 Annual Meeting. Both secretary/treasurer candidates have one year remaining on their two-year director terms. This will require the incoming president to make a one-year appointment to fill the director's position vacated by the new secretary/treasurer. Mark Woodward has one year remaining on his two-year director term. David Fearis, 1999 president, will serve as past president.

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