

Kansan Wins Rain-Burdened GCSAA Golf Championship

After battling the elements and a tightly bunched field, Richard Stuntz, CGCS, fired a steady final-round, 1-over-par 72 at Steele Canyon Golf Club to win the 1993 Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) Golf Championship.

A field of nearly 450 GCSAA members and affiliates in nine flights competed in the championship, which was played Jan. 23-24 in San Diego, Calif.

It was the first GCSAA championship victory in 13 tries for Stuntz, vice president of golf course facilities at Alvamar Country Club, Lawrence, Kans. "I played pretty solidly the whole time," Stuntz said. "It feels real good to break through after all these years."

The 43rd GCSAA championship saw record rainfall that nearly washed out the tournament before it began, and the disqualification of its first-round leader.

In the weeks prior to the Jan. 23-24 tournament, the San Diego area was inundated by record rainfall. Although the moisture went a long way to relieve a six-year-long drought, the storms had near devastating impact on the region's golf industry.

GCSAA's tournament was scheduled to be played on four San Diego courses: Steele Canyon, Carlton Oaks Country Club, Eastlake Country Club and Mount Woodson Country Club.

Flash floods caused considerable damage to many low-lying areas, including golf courses. The flooding caused erosion, making course turf too soggy to maintain. The Carlton Oaks course was one of the hardest hit, losing much of its front nine when the San Diego River and a local tributary left their banks. The course had to be abandoned as a tournament venue.

The remaining three courses pitched in to accommodate the loss of Carlton Oaks. The Four Seasons Resort Aviara Golf Club also was pressed into service for the final round.

A three-time winner of the GCSAA championship, Dave Powell—superintendent at Myers Park Country Club, Charlotte, N.C.—had distanced himself from the field with a first-round, 1-under-par 70 and was off to a strong second-round start. However, on the fourth hole it was discovered that he had been playing the wrong ball since putting out on No. 3.

Once they discovered the mistake, Powell and his playing partner—Randy Nichols, CGCS, Cherokee Town & Country Club, Dunwoody, Ga. (who began the day two shots back and tied for second place)—disqualified themselves. They had mistakenly begun playing each other's ball following blind shots to the par-3 third hole.

Stuntz did not dismiss the fact that his victory was directly related to the misfortune of Powell. "He pretty much was in control," Stuntz said. "He's an excellent player. He's won the thing three times and he's good at closing. When he gets out in front, he normally hangs right in there."

However, disqualifications like Powell's are part of the game and Stuntz did not downplay his own winning efforts, attributing his victory to getting better with age. "I think probably I'm better mentally than I used to be," he said. "I'm more patient. I understand that aspect of the game better. When you grow and mature in the mental aspect, that's a big advantage. As Ken Venturi says, "To have been there before. . . ."

Winning the Scottish Trophy for capturing the gross division of the chapter team competition was the California #1 team. The Frank Lamphier Trophy, awarded to the winner of the net division in the chapter team competition, went to the New Jersey team.

The 1994 GCSAA Golf Championship is scheduled for Jan. 31-Feb. 1 in Austin, Texas.

Here Are Some Simple Steps For A Successful Meeting Agenda

Every meeting should have an agenda, but how do you write a good agenda? By following these simple steps:

- **Do** list items in a logical sequence, building each on the one before.

- **Don't** overload the meeting with too many topics. Keep the number within reasonable limits.

- **Do** begin with easier topics, then move on to the more difficult or controversial subjects.

- **Don't** devote meeting time to topics that can be handled better by sub-groups or individuals.

- **Do** identify which agenda items are designed to exchange information, and which are meant to solve a particular problem.

- **Don't** schedule breaks to interrupt important discussions.

- **Do** set starting and finishing times.

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water to determine how much volume is used in normal applications. If you're treating a lawn with a hose-connected sprayer, fill the unit with water and by trial and error determine how fast you need to walk and wave the sprayer to apply the proper quantities.

(5) **Mix and use only the amount of chemical required to treat the smallest area needed.** Combining the knowledge you have of the size of the area to be treated, the amount of chemical required by the label and the capacity of your application unit, prepare only the minimum amounts of chemical. "More is better" does not apply to chemical use.

(6) **Thoroughly wash all items used in the chemical application procedure.** If you've used a sprayer, partially fill it with water and spray the area you just treated, or other nearby similar areas. Repeat this two or three times. Do not just dump any extra chemicals into the sewer or onto the street. Although it may not be highly toxic, it could have a negative impact on the environment of a non-target.

(7) **Use common sense whenever you're using chemicals.** Window washing solutions and antifreeze are more toxic than yard chemicals a homeowner will use, so all chemicals should be treated with care and respect. Eating or smoking should be totally avoided until you have thoroughly washed with soap and water. If any chemicals are sprayed or splashed on you during their use, remove the garments and wash them separately from other clothing. When using chemicals outside, be sure that any toys (used by children or animals) are removed from the area to be treated so they won't be hit by the spray or drift.

(8) **Be a good neighbor by knowing special sensitivities of people, plants and pets.** Paracelsus, the Swiss physician and alchemist who lived during 1493-1541 noted, "What is there that is not a poison? Only the dose makes a substance not a poison."

Chlorine can kill or it can clean. Aspirin can relieve pain or cause death. For a very, very few people, sunlight can cause an allergic reaction that results in death. It's not the substance, but the dose that can harm.

Turfgrass pesticides are effective because they have been developed for use against a specific target. Herbicides kill weeds, fungicides control diseases and insecticides eliminate insects. A herbicide will have no real effect on an insect simply because the chemicals used in herbicides aren't poisonous to bugs.

People, plants and pets may have particular sensitivities to any number of products, including pesticides. Being aware of these sensitivities when using turfgrass chemicals is being a good neighbor. This would include letting your ultra-sensitive neighbor know you'll be spraying a particular product on your property, avoid using herbicides around sensitive plants that could be stunted or killed by accident, or suggesting that your neighbor keep their pets off of your yard to avoid any potential problems.

In answer to those who criticize or question the use of pesticides on lawns, it should be noted that the environmental and aesthetic benefits of lawn are dramatically increased when the grasses are healthy and growing vigorously. While pseudo-scientists and scare mongers are able to sensationalize an issue through the manipulation of information, practicing scientists have shown that the benefits of turfgrasses can be substantially increased through the proper use of pesticides and fertilizers, without a significant risk to man or his environment.

Know what the real problem is before you treat an area, use only the proper chemical and only treat when the occurrence warrants its use (utilizing IPM practices). Also consider alternative pest control methods.

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NST Announces Staff Changes

In an effort to serve its customers more efficiently, North Star Turf has announced some personnel changes within its sales staff.

Effective January 1, Joe Churchill assumes the position of sales manager and will direct the selling efforts of the company's sales staff. Before assuming his new position, Churchill worked a sales territory including part of the Twin Cities metro area and south-western and western Minnesota. Churchill came to North Star Turf in 1990 after 12 years of service with Northrup King's Medalist Turf Division.

Filling Churchill's vacated sales territory is Greg Brodd. Brodd joins the NST sales staff after working two years as the company's service coordinator. His background and recent experience coordinating service work at NST helps qualify him as the company's newest technical sales representative.

These changes come at the same time that NST announces the retirement of Allen Gerdin after 30 years with the company. He will continue to work on a part-time basis during peak season, providing sales support within the company's St. Paul office.

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MGCSA Schedule

Mankato Golf Club	April 19
Fox Hollow Golf Club	May 10
Lafayette Club	June 14
Research Turf Tourney	June 18
White Bear Yacht Club	July 19
The Links at Northfork	August 9
Stodola Tourney @ Hillcrest Country Club & (TBA)	Sept. 13
Eau Claire Country Club	Oct. 11
Annual Conference @ Northland Inn	Nov. 17, 18 & 19

Reprinting of 15 Years of Green Section Record Is Contemplated

The United States Golf Association, in cooperation with Lewis Publishers, is examining the interest in reprinting the past 15 volumes of the USGA *Green Section Record* (1976-91) in a seven-volume, full-color, hardcover printing. It will contain all articles exactly as they appeared previously, and it will contain the cumulative index released by the USGA at the end of 1991.

The seven-volume set, if there is enough demand, will be available for approximately \$350. The set will contain over 2,000 pages.

In the future, hardcover copies of issues appearing during the previous two-year period will be made available as part of the series.

The decision to proceed with the reprinting, and the price of the series, will depend on the response received. If interested, please contact: United States Golf Association, Attn: Kathy Paparelli, P.O. Box 708, Far Hills, NJ 07931-0708, Telephone (908) 234-2300, FAX (908) 234-1513.

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California GCSA Announces GCSAA S & R

The California Golf Course Superintendents Association (California GCSA) has made a 10-year commitment to membership in the Platinum Tee Club, the premier support organization for the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) Scholarship & Research (S&R) foundation. The commitment, which totals \$50,000, was announced after the group's annual meeting in December.

Dennis Orsborn, president of the California GCSA, said the chapter wanted to make a statement about the importance of supporting the foundation. "We realize that a national effort like this requires quite a bit of money. You can't do it for free. Organizations like ours have to be leaders in providing those funds," Orsborn said.

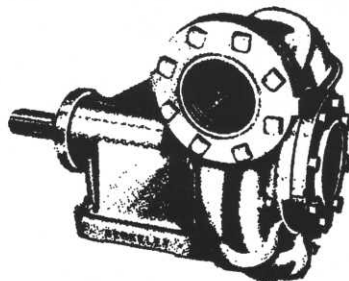
The state group made the gift in conjunction with the other regional and local superintendents' associations within California. Orsborn said that contributions from each of the local groups and increased revenues from the chapter's four-color publication, *California Fairways*, enabled the statewide contribution.



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