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Nunemacher, Oakhurst Set To Host Joint Meeting

The excitement is evident when talking to course superintendent, Mike Nunemacher about the upcoming NorCal/Sierra Nevada joint meeting in October. This year's event, scheduled for the 15th, will be hosted by Nunemacher and the prestigious Oakhurst Country Club.

The semi private layout is located in the foothills of Clayton and "provides a challenging layout," says Nunemacher. The Ron Fream design which opened in 1990 has quickly gained a reputation as one of the areas toughest with its deep faced bunkers, narrow landing areas and 8" fescue lined fairways.

Nunemacher, a five year member of the GCSANC is a relative newcomer to the golf course management profession. His career began at Rancho Solano where he honed

his skills for four years, the last as the superintendent. His arrival at Oakhurst three and a half years ago has been a continued challenge. Under his direction two new practice Greens have been built, along with the rebuilding of two tees.

His impact in the profession has reached beyond the golf course having been elected to the NorCal Board of Directors this past spring. Mike has brought a fresh energy to the board and has offered many creative ideas. Among his professional goals are to continue his active involvement with the Association and attain certified status.

Quickly being recognized as one of the industry's top young superintendents, Mike is quick to point to his crew for his success. "Since my arrival, their support and effort have been tremendous," he said. "I'm fortunate to have such a dedicated and hard working group. We're all very much looking forward to the opportunity to represent the NorCal Association at this special event."

Mira Vista Scholarship Research & Education Tournament

By Barbara Mikel

Day one of the Bart strike found 52 superintendents, assistant superintendents, professional, guests and 34 affiliates and guests gathered at Mira Vista Golf and Country Club to chase the illusive white ball around 18 holes of a lovingly prepared golf course. I decided to drive, not fly to this meeting. Luckily, my commute was mostly non-eventful. Although, I must admit there were a few late arrivals with stories about travels from various "Gulliveresque" parts of the hinterlands of Richmond, Contra Costa County, etc. I arrived to find the registration for golf already in progress under the watch eyes of John Holmquist, SRE Chairman, and Vice President, Dave Davies, CGCS (returned from GCSAA delegates meeting in Lawrence KS, Sunday, Sep September 7, 1997 on the "red eye special"). Due to the efforts of John Homquist, the Scholarship Research & Education Tournament was well on the way to yet another successful year.

Frank Barberio and his crew worked into the night prior to the tournament to prepare the site for the Fifth Annual GCSANC Scholarship Research and Education Tournament. I personally witnessed a magnificent and mostly unknown view of the San Francisco Bay from the top of the hills of El Cerrito.

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