

Kenneth D. Williams, CGCS Candidate for Director

I'm a relative newcomer to the Bay Area and serve as the Golf Course Superintendent at Stanford University Golf Course. Being new, I would like to give you some idea of how I arrived.

I was born and raised in San Diego and moved to Vail, CO after high school. My first opportunity in golf maintenance came at the Eagle-Vail Golf Club. I worked summers on the course and winters on the ski slopes. When that life-style became a little too wild, I moved back to California and went on to college at Cal Poly Pomona. I attained my Bachelor's degree in Ornamental Horticulture as well as an Associate's degree in Nursery and Landscape Technology.

After college, I moved to the Palm Springs area where I spent six years. The final three were as Superintendent at La Quinta Hotel Golf Club. With the collapse of Landmark Land Co., I sought refuge at Rancho Bernardo Golf Club in San Diego. I spend five years at RBGC until the opportunity arrived at Stanford.

I have served on the Boards of the Hi-Lo and The San Diego Chapters. In addition, I've spent two years on the GCSAA scholarship committee.

As a Superintendent, I feel one of my duties is to serve my organization. It's very important to keep the GCSANC vital and growing. Strengthening it strengthens us as individuals.

Affiliate Representative To The Board of Directors Opens

On April 6, 1998, the Annual Elections for the GCSANC Board of Directors will take place. At that time, I will have fulfilled my two-year duty as your Affiliate Representative. It truly has been a pleasure to serve you and this organization.

With my vacancy, a position is cleared to join James Karrick as co-affiliate representative to serve on the new board. Interested candidates, please contact me, John Holmquist. I assure you a rewarding and stimulating experience working with this fine group.

I would like to tank you for your support over the past two year.

Gary D. Sayre, CGCS Candidate for Director

Gary Sayre is a candidate for the GCSANC Board of Directors. Gary has been a golf course superintendent for the past 20 years, with most of that experience being in Washington state at two private clubs. Five years of Gary's experience were in Hong Kong and Singapore as the golf services manager for a Hong Kong based company where he was involved in the construction, start-up and management of 14 golf courses in the Pacific Rim. He has been the golf course superintendent at Hiddenbrooke CC for the past two years and has been a Certified Golf Course Superintendent since 1983.

If Gary is elected to the Board of the GCSANC, he will bring with him the experience and knowledge of leading organizations relating to the golf course maintenance profession. He has served as President of the Northwest Turfgrass Association and the Western Washington Golf Course Superintendents Association. He has also served on the Certification and Scholarship/Research Committees of the GCSAA.

Gary realizes the importance of membership involvement and communication, something that needs to be addressed in the GCSANC. Gary says, "Even though I have been unable to attend all of the meetings in the past, I know find that my schedule should allow me to do so. It appears that we have a fairly healthy Association, so let's continue to build on that by utilizing the GCSAA and other resources more, helping our members develop a more visible professional public image aimed first at our employer and then the general golfing public."

Anthony Steers Candidate for Director

While finishing my degree at Michigan State University, I was fortunate enough to do my internship here in the Bay Area and vowed to return one day to this wonderful location. After leaving school I became an assistant superintendent in New Jersey for several years. Then in 1991, I realized my goal and became the Superintendent at Contra Costa Country Club in Pleasant Hill, where I still reside. For the past seven years I have come to realize the complexities of our profession and the importance of continued education and communication.

By getting involved with our organization I will continue to efforts of others who have raised our image in the community as experts in golf course management. My focus as a Director will be to enhance our educational programs which will initiate discussions benefiting our courses and the environment. I am proud to be a part of a profession that preserves open space for people and wildlife to enjoy. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to become an active member of our organization.

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Candidate Statements

Dave Davies, CGCS **Candidate For President**

I am running for the office of President. Two years ago I offered my support to the Board and was elected to the position of Secretary/Treasurer. I have had the opportunity to work with a small group of dedicated professionals each bringing to the Board their own perspective and expertise. I have been able to draw on my 5 years of Board Experience within the Sierra Nevada GCSA to assess problems and work toward positive solutions.

The immediate future for our Association presents problems that are neither new nor unsolvable. We must continue to find ways to involve the membership in productive ways. Increasing meeting attendance, improving educational programs and providing the opportunity to meet and interact with other professionals are my primary goals for the next year.

We also need to address the issue of long range direction. The funding for current programs continues to be evaluated. Program purpose and benefits will be analyzed and restructured if necessary to meet the needs of the membership. The dues structure will again be evaluated and a proposal will be made for a long range structure.

My primary goal is to generate more interest within the membership for the direction of this Association. We have a membership of over 600 with only a small percentage involved in the decision process and less than 40% attending meetings. As part of the dues structure revue, we will be investigating options for rebates on dues based on meeting attendance during the year. It is my hope that as our membership participation on committees, in fund raising efforts and in monthly meeting attendance.

Thank you for your support during the last two years. I continue to work on your behalf and look forward to the challenges of the coming year.

Forrest W. Arthur **Candidate for Secretary/Treasurer**

I currently serve as the Golf Course Superintendent at the Links at Spanish Bay on the Monterey Peninsula. I will have held this position for three years in April of 1998. I have spent the last two terms serving the Association on the Board of Directors and have enjoyed the terms immensely. I would like to continue to serve this Association in the capacity of Secretary/Treasurer in the upcoming year. I would relish the opportunity to maintain and monitor the fiscal aspects of our Association to ensure our financial goals are and will be met. I feel I have gained enough insight into the complexities of our Association to properly serve in this position.

The GCSANC has a rich history of serving superintendents in a professional and ethical manner. In serving the Association as Secretary/Treasurer, I would vow to continue this philosophy and offer new insights to further promote our profession and industry.

Thank you for your consideration.

Gary K. Carls, CGCS **Candidate for Vice-President**

It has been a pleasure to serve this Association for the past two years and I look forward to serving in the role of vice-president in the coming year with the support of the membership. I feel this Association has continued to progress over the last several years and would like to be a part of continuing our growth in the future. I would like to encourage all members to be an active voice in how this organization is run through participation in our activities and programs. GCSANC is now more than 600 members strong and we need the support of every member to remain strong. Once again, I thank you for the continued support.

Michael Nunemacher **Candidate for Secretary/Treasurer**

It is a privilege and honor to be nominated for the position of Secretary/Treasurer of GCSANC. During the past year while serving on the Board of Directors, I have learned the importance of what our Association stands for. One significant thing I have learned is that by serving on various committees, the decisions we make affect our future as members and superintendents. However, in order for me to represent all of you in an ideal manner, your ideas and input are a very important part of the communication process. This will allow me to represent your ideas in the necessary forms. As an officer of the Association, I pledge to continue my efforts to represent every member of GCSANC.

The responsibility of Secretary/Treasurer is to help manage the financial status of the Association. The new challenges we face as an Association must be met with strong management skills to insure our continuing improvement today and in the future. My commitment to our Association is a small way of giving something back to our great golf industry. I hope we can continue to improve as an Association that we can all be proud of.

Thank you for your support.

Terry Grasso **Candidate for Director**

Many of you know I'm a Bay Area native with over 30 years experience in the golf industry. (grew up next to a golf course!) Since 1990, I've worked as Golf Course Superintendent at Burlingame CC in Hillsborough, having acquired my work ethics at Claremont CC in Oakland, and the Olympic Club in San Francisco.

I've experienced many exceptional associations with people in our industry and believe it is important for us all to realize how much our business is a "relationship" business.

As a Director, it is my challenge to increase participation at all our events. So, let's get started!

Thank you!