

Candidate Statements

Candidate Statement – Gary Skolnik

Once again it's time to elect new Board Members. For those of you who don't know me, I'm Gary Skolnik, Golf Course Superintendent at the Fountaingrove Resort and Country Club in Santa Rosa. I feel that since our chapter covers so much area, it would be good to have a North Bay representative on the Board. My big concern has always been member participation at our monthly meetings. With so many environmental issues facing all of us in the next millennium, it is essential that we work together as a group to promote the great aspects of the game of golf.

Candidate Statement – Jeff Shafer

Since 1991, I have been a member of the GCSANC attending monthly meetings when possible. During this time, golf course construction has dramatically limited my ability to attend these meetings as much as any member should that is supporting this organization. During this time, I only attended two to three meetings per year. However, in the beginning of the year 1999, I was approached by the existing Board of Directors to consider offering my time as a Board Member. While I was honored to be considered, I felt that my consideration should only exist when I could actively demonstrate that I can attend not only meetings regularly, but also offer support when needed. During the past year, I made a conscious effort to attend meetings whenever possible, offer support when requested and offer unsolicited comments to the Board.

Therefore, I believe in my heart, that I now have the right to request to the general membership that they consider me as a candidate for the Board of Directors position. I do not take the role of supporting, assisting, and possibly directing, this organization lightly. I look forward to working with the future Board and respectfully request consideration to enhance the outstanding organization we are so proud to be members of.

On a personal side, I am married to my wife Seana and we have two wonderful children, Sean and Taylor. As a family, we enjoy our active role in our local church through Sunday school teaching, drama productions and children's choir directing.

My golf career started in Michigan in 1974 and I have been employed in most aspects of the industry. After relocating to California in 1984, I began in earnest my career in golf course maintenance. I became a superintendent in 1991 and am currently the superintendent for The Course at Wente Vineyards.

Candidate Statement – Mike Hill

Hello, my name is Mike Hill and I am employed at the Moffett Field GC on the Onizuka Air Force Base in Sunnyvale. I have been a member of the GCSANC for two years, formally a Southern California GCSA member for eight years. I have not had the experience of working with either chapter yet, but felt it was about time to become a little more involved.

I enjoy attending as many monthly meetings and other related func-

tions as possible. Therefore becoming involved in chapter Board meetings would be a welcome experience.

Candidate Statement - Bob Costa, CGCS

I am grateful for the nomination to serve as the Vice President of the GCSANC. Although serving as an officer has not been an aspiration of mine, I am excited by opportunity to further my association involvement in a leadership role. As Vice President, I will offer my support to Gary Carls, CGCS as he works to strengthen the media program and increase GCSANC educational activities.

As an officer, I intend concentrate my efforts on the continued growth of the sponsorship program as well as expanding our research activities. It is also my hope to encourage greater participation amongst our association's assistant superintendents.

With the support of the membership and what will soon be a new board, I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead and the opportunity to shape the future of our association.

Candidate Statement - Roger Robarge

Hello, my name is Roger Robarge and I am honored to be a candidate for the GCSANC Board of Director's seat. I have been an active member of the association since 1992 when I was a student member at Cal Poly. Currently, I am the golf course superintendent at the California Golf Club in South San Francisco.

The success of a member-oriented association is the willingness of its membership to actively participate in the organization. When Mr. Davies asked if I was interested in serving on the Board, it was not a question of if I would participate, but rather when I would participate. Please accept my bid for the Director position on the GCSANC Board of Directors. This is my opportunity to give back to the profession, which has been so generous to me. Thank you for your time.

Candidate Statement - Bob Lopic

I would be honored if you would consider me for the position of Secretary/Treasurer of our association. For the past 22 years, I have received many benefits and pleasures from working in our industry with Members of the GCSANC. I would appreciate the opportunity at this time to give something back.

My work experience has included working at private, municipal and resort courses. My mentors have been Fred Mays, Jim Ross, Leonard Walsh and John Fleming. It is my hope that through my experience, I would be able to represent our association fairly.

It has been my good fortune to see first hand what the power of the media can do to further one's career. It would be of special interest for me to facilitate our media director's job by sharing with him the outstanding work done by our members. Thank you for this opportunity to serve you.

* Ken Mangum has withdrawn from the race for Secretary/Treasurer. He will run again for Director. In his place, Sam Snyder, CGCS will run against Mike Wallace.