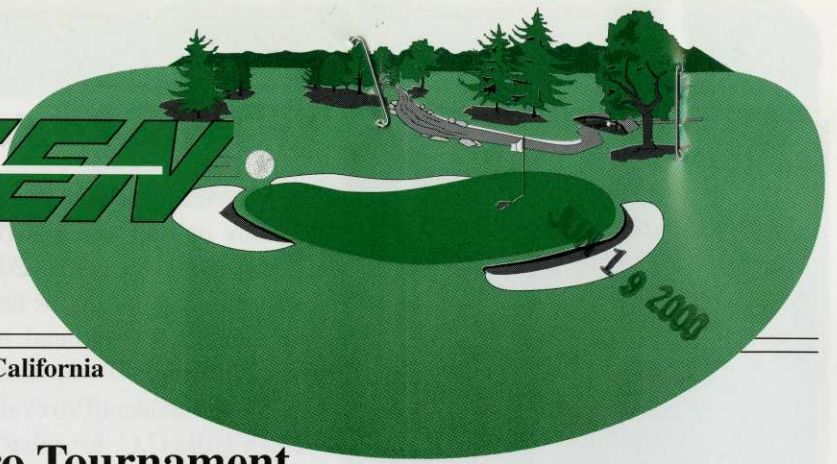


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The Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California



Barret to Host Superintendent/Pro Tournament

By Ken Williams, CGCS

Walt Barret and the beautiful Green Hills Country Club are hosting this year's GCSANC Superintendent Pro Tournament on June 26. Thanks go out to Terry Grasso who provided a little motivation in setting up this year's event. The event allows a superintendent and his professional to team up in a fun golf format away from home. It promises to be one of the years best.

Green Hills CC is located in Millbrae and was originally designed by the great Dr. Alister MacKenzie. The wonderful gently rolling course opened in 1930. The golf course is not long by modern standards but features numerous beautiful MacKenzie design elements that challenge the player. Accurate shot making will be at a premium on this classic course.

Maintenance Staff Numbers Seventy For US Open

To establish the level of conditioning required for a US Open, the maintenance staff at Pebble Beach Golf Links, already numbering thirty, will swell to seventy during the US Open.

According to Ted Horton, Vice President of Resource Management for the Pebble Beach Company, forty volunteer Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents from around the country will lend a hand as course conditions are geared to perfection. "The response we received was so overwhelming that we had to turn many volunteers away" said Horton. "Having experienced golf course personnel to assist in preparing the course is a great asset. Their experience will be invaluable" Included in the list of volunteers are superintendents that have traveled from as far as Canada and Australia.

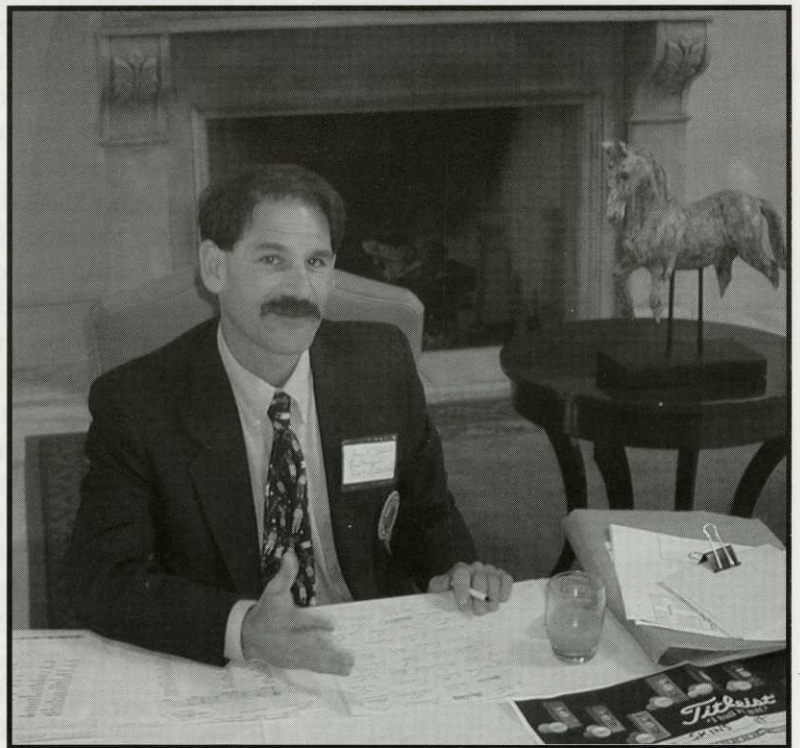
Scheduling the staffs daily assignments will be the responsibility of course Superintendent Eric Greytok and his Assistants, Jack Holt, Ryan Wyckoff and Dan Warne. Greytok, who assumed the superintendent reins at Pebble just a few months ago, plans to use the volunteers in a

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Over the last 12 years, Walt Barret has worked hard maintaining and restoring many of the elements from the original design. Numerous subtle changes have been made over the years including new stone bridges, natural landscape plantings, bunker restoration, and some green and tee remodels. Walt's meticulous standards make the course one not to miss.

Educationally, Walt is a graduate of the University of Santa Clara where he received his BS degree. Prior to Green Hills, Walt worked at the Olympic Club with Mr. John Fleming (which is a great education in itself!)

Away from the course, Walt is married and has boys aged 4 and 8. When he's not busy being a father, husband or Golf Course Superintendent, he enjoys getting away and fly-fishing. Let's just hope the line gets wet once in a while! /



Gary Skolnik checks in Attendees at the Field Workshop. See Ruby Hill on Page 7

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literate". The general membership is also becoming more and more "wired". A quick review of the membership directory will document the advent of a fax machine in the maintenance office and also the arrival of email and the computer age in the superintendent's workplace.

Looking back, the Board's willingness to look to the future has meant a great deal. Today, service has been improved and large amounts of time and money have been saved. I hope to implement additional technology improvements in the areas of dues renewal, meeting reservations, membership updating and listing. One of the most important improvements to the Association business office is communication. As we pursue more avenues to that end, the better the membership will be served.

Gary Carls, CGCS Receives Environmental Certification

Gary K. Carls, CGCS at Sunnyvale Golf Course has earned Environmental Management Specialist Certificates from the GCSAA for completing specialization programs in Employee Safety and Right-to-Know, Golf Course Development, and Water Quality and Application. Carls has now successfully completed all six specialization areas for Environmental Management Program certification. Congratulations, Gary!

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variety ways, including tasks like raking bunkers and top dressing divots. "Our core staff will continue to perform most of the mowing and course set up activities he said. "Together, we will all be working very closely with the USGA staff."

Why so much help? "It's the US Open" said Horton "expectations are high". "A lot of the staff's time will be spent simply mowing the golf course each day, except the rough of course," he says smiling.

Media Scorecard

- *Press Release - Palo Alto Jr. Golf donation*
- *Golf Column - SJ Mercury - Audubon Program*
- *Awards Section - Superintendent Weekly - Jr. Golf Contribution*
- *Golf Today - Question of the Month*

Naumann's NorCal News

Mark Logan is the new Superintendent at Myacama Golf Course near Santa Rosa. This is a new Jack Nicklaus Golf Course under construction right now.....**Gil Styles** has accepted the new position at Summittpointe Golf Course in Milpitas. Gil was the Superintendent at Hiddenbrooke GC in Vallejo prior to his move.....**PJ Spellman** has been a little busy as of late. Since taking over the reins from **Rich Scholes** at Corral De Tierra last year, he has renovated nine holes. The work included new tees, reshaping bunkers, fairways and a few greens.....

Superintendents Show Support for Palo Alto Juniors

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California continued their support of junior golf by recently contributing \$465 dollars to the 7th Annual Celebration of Jr. Golf, held at Palo Alto Golf Club on Saturday, May 6th. The donation was raised at the GCSANC Annual meeting this past January.

Saturday's tournament, sponsored by the City of Palo Alto, raises funds to support the East Palo Alto Junior Golf Club. The annual event, which has raised over \$100,000 dollars since it's inception, is coordinated by Bob Hoover and Palo Alto Golf Course PGA professionals, Hank Pollex, Rich Bin, Brad Lozares and course superintendent, Dave Davies. Davies, the GCSANC past president and Paul Dias, Director of Parks and Golf were instrumental in spearheading the superintendents fund raising efforts.

"Having been apart of this event for several years has been a rewarding experience" said Davies. "One of our chapter goals, beyond providing services to our members, is to look for opportunities to contribute to the community. Supporting Junior golf is a natural fit"

CGCSA Elects Officers

Sam Williamson, CGCS of the Ojai Valley Inn and Spa was elected President of the CGCSA at the Annual Meeting in San Diego. **Pat Gradoville** of Palos Verdes GC was elected Vice-President. **David Kovac** of GolfQuest Management in San Diego was elected Secretary-Treasurer.