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Central California Chapter

GCSAA

Stockdale Country Club

June 13, 2022

President's Message *Glenn Matthews, CGCS*



Glenn Matthews, CGCS

Welcome to summer, You may have heard through the grapevine that I have relocated from Visalia Country Club to Stockdale Country Club in Bakersfield. After almost 9 years in Visalia a new opportunity presented itself and I had to take ad-

vantage of it. Unfortunately, the position was open after former Central Cal Chapter member Rob Lampson unexpectedly passed away. Rob will be remembered as a kind-hearted person who loved golf and the work he did. I am honored to follow in his footsteps.

The 2022 Al Glaze Scholarship event was on the calendar prior to me coming on board at Stockdale CC and I was more than happy to follow through with hosting. I want to thank all who attended and participated in the annual event on June 13th. There were nearly 60 members and guests who made the trip to Bakersfield. All enjoyed an epic day of golf and an absolutely brilliant day of weather, for the time of year in the Central Valley.

Over the years I have continually emphasized the

importance of getting involved in chapter events to strengthen your professional network and to support the association. Participation is fundamental to the long-term success of our association. Without strong attendance the association would struggle to support itself. In the months to come there will be more opportunities to get involved and attend meetings. On August 2nd Kevin Breen, CGCS at La Riconada Country Club in Los Gatos will be hosting the annual Tri-Chapter meeting between the Central California, Sierra Nevada, and Northern California chapters. This event is always one of the best attended of the year and will feature the GCSAA board of directors as special guests for their summer quarterly board meeting. Make plans to attend, see old friends, and make new ones. Locally, the Central California Chapter will be hosting events at Avila Beach Golf Course in September and in November will be at Fort Washington Country Club for the annual Charities Tournament.

I look forward to seeing you on the green,

Glenn Matthews, CGCS

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July 28,2022

The "Turf Club" is an exceptional student club because of its strong association with the turf industry. No other student club at Cal Poly Pomona is connected to its industry as the Turf Club. The Club will be hosting a field day on July 28, 2022. This is open to all chapter members.

If interested in attending please contact the club Advisor..

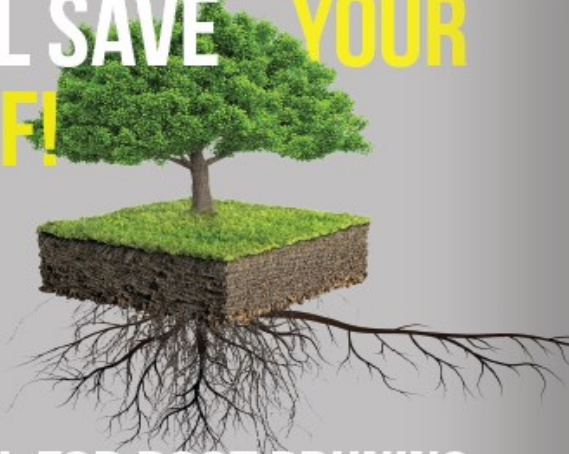
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From the Field Jeff Jensen, GCSAA Field Staff, Southwest Region



Jeff Jensen

It was great to see many of you at the Al Glaze Scholarship & Research Tournament at Stockdale. A super event and a great job by Chapter Executive Kim Milne, the Board of Directors, and new Stockdale Superintendent Glenn Matthews. A great way to support deserving students as well as research projects going on throughout the state.

As we move into the summer golf season, I wanted to take a moment to remind you about some of the benefits of your GCSAA membership that you may overlook.

GCSAA Affinity Program: Member savings programs through numerous vendors including Columbia (50% off), Imperial Headwear, Dell Technologies, Office Depot, UPS, Avis, National/Enterprise, and Golf Safety to name a few.

Complimentary tournament admission (based on member class) to select PGA Tour, PGA of America, LPGA and USGA Championships. This includes the 2023 U.S. Open at The Los Angeles Country Club and 2023 U.S. Women’s Open at Pebble Beach (Class AA, A, A-Retired, Class B and Class B-Retired members).

Retirement Services: GCSAA has partnered with Creative Planning to assist members in preparing for retirement. Free 401(k) reviews as well as a 20% discount.

Career Coaching Services: Free resume critiques, reduced pricing on resumes and a slew of other career related services at discounted prices.

GCSAA Disaster Relief: The GCSAA Disaster Relief Fund assists GCSAA members who suffer personal loss. The fund has continued to be a resource for members who face tragedy caused by natural disasters. GCSAA will provide financial assistance up to \$2,000 to members who contact the association and whose daily lives are altered by the effects of the natural disaster (including wildfires).

Compliance and Regulatory Assistance: GCSAA’s Government Affairs Team assists members with free compliance counseling, information, and resources. Labor, water, and the EPA are just a few areas of expertise available to members.

Thank you for your support of the Central California GCSA and GCSAA. If I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me at jjensen@gcsaa.org and follow me for industry updates on Twitter [@GCSAA_SW](https://twitter.com/GCSAA_SW).

I hope you all have a terrific summer!



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Golf Course Dog Profile “Bonnie & Clyde

Visalia C.C. by Hank Milne



Hank “The Tank”

Good Day to all of my fellow working dogs and their handlers. I’d like to take an opportunity to introduce myself. I am your loyal Association Manager, Hank. I live with my family Kim, Taylor, Alex and Liam. They have been my family since they adopted me 2 years ago. I have been diligently learning the ropes of daily office work, guarding the house, and keeping the yard free of birds. I can’t wait to meet all of my golf course dog members, and to learn about your daily lives.

In today's issue I had the pleasure of interviewing Bonnie & Clyde from Visalia C.C.

Please state your Name, Age, Breed, Facility, and Occupation

We are Bonnie and Clyde. We came to the Visalia Country Club in December of 2013 as babies, that makes us almost 8 years old. We are “working” dogs, Queensland heelers to be exact. The club brought us on board to harass geese and coots on the course.

1. Name the members of your family that live in your home.

We live on property and roam the 100 beautiful acres maintained by our boss. He has a big team of guys that help him. We consider all of them family, but we love the ones who give us treats more.

2. What are your hobbies outside of work?

We are always on the clock, but when we do have a little downtime we like to take a walk down to the snack bar. Someone will always feed us and scratch our bellies. We also like to ride in Glenn’s cart.

3. On a scale of 1-10, how lucky are you? Please elaborate.

10 for sure! We are spoiled. Many members carry treats in their golf bags just for us. If Glenn is busy in his office we just jump in a cart with someone we know has treats. There’s a lot of suckers out here.

4. After a bad day at work, what makes you feel better?

Treats...duh! Do you have any?

5. What's your favorite treat or cheat meal?

Beef jerky is awesome, but it can be rough on the tummy sometimes. Lunch at the shop is the best. The crew brings a wide variety of delicious treats. Pizza is cool, but the best is when the boss barbeques carne asada.

6. What are some of your nicknames?

Bonnie – some people call me fatty, but my weight honestly has not budged over the past few years. You can ask my vet.

Clyde – I hear them say things like lazy or lap dog. I don’t know what that means.

7. What is your biggest vice?

Bonnie – I have been known to do a little dumpster dive.

Clyde – I have no shame...I will stare you down with my puppy dog eyes and beg. It usually works. Except it never work on the boss. He seems to know my tricks.

8. What 3 words would someone use to describe you?

Boonie – furry, fat, awesome!

Clyde – lazy, cuddly, shameless.

9. At what age did you start working?

We were both about 8-10 weeks old when we came to VCC. Now we pretty much own this place. We’ll run off any bird, fox, stray dog, and especially member’s dogs. We hate any animal that steps on our turf, except Prince Eric. Eric is the bosses other dog. He’s a pit bull-chihuahua mix. What a crazy dog he is, aggressive and neurotic!

10. If you had a favorite quote, or one to describe you, what would it be.

Bonnie - “Properly trained, a man can be dog’s best friend.”

Clyde – “Never stand between a dog and a fire hydrant.”

11. What's your most embarrassing moment?

Bonnie – a couple years back I got freaked out when the club had a fireworks show. I escaped and ended up on the other side of town and got lost. Luckily I had my chip.

Clyde – I have no shame.



It has been such a pleasure to interview Bonnie and Clyde. If you have a golf course dog that you would like to have interviewed by me, Hank, please reach out to Kim at the association office.

-Hank the Tank

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

A guide for environmental stewardship

Golf Course best management practices (BMPs) offer guidelines for superintendents to manage their facilities in an efficient and environmentally sustainable manner. BMP manuals document all of the science-based practices and professional course management that many people need to see. While superintendents spearhead BMP efforts, the use of BMPs benefit everyone in the community that a golf course serves.

GCSAA has granted the Central California GCSA, funds to help facilitate the development of BMP's for our members. You can reach out to the association office for information and details and we will put a representative in touch with you to help you with the process. Don't wait. Do it now. There is a limited amount of funds available for this program so get your request in early .

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*Irene Cline to GCSACC
“Thank you and Farewell”*

It is with excitement and a bit of sadness that after 27 years I decided it is time to say farewell to my duties as your association manager. I have enjoyed sharing this time with all of you and appreciate all the support and the friendships I have made. I want to thank all of you, but especially the wonderful board of directors that I have had the privilege of working with. I have never met a better group of dedicated, hardworking individuals as those in this industry.

All I can say is THANK YOU . I have learned so much over the years, and I appreciate the trust you all placed in me. I am looking forward to the next chapter of my life in retirement with Mike, my Grandkids, and the rest of my wonderful family. I look forward to traveling, and helping out wherever I can. Im never more than a phone call away if anyone ever needs anything.



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This year, sadly we had no applicants for the Steve Scarbrough, CGCS Memorial Scholarship. For the future, if you know of anyone, or have a staff member interested in pursuing a career in the golf industry, and they are attending school, please have them apply.

With the lack of a turf grass scholarship, we were able to award 2 Legacy Awards. The winners this year were Kayden Miller, daughter of Golf Course Superintendent Brett Miller and Kaitlin Goodrich, daughter of Dave Goodrich from Nutrien.. Kayden is in nursing school and Kaitlin is finishing her Masters degree in family counseling.



Glenn Matthews and Kayden Miller



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