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Central California Chapter
GCSAA



Blacklake Golf Course

President's Message *Glenn Matthews, CGCS*



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Fall is upon us, Summer heat has subsided and cultural practices so important to the long-term health of our courses are in full swing. Many superintendents have already completed greens aerification and those who oversee are in the midst of establishment

of cool season winter grasses. Fall fertility and herbicide applications, so critical to the health of our courses, are just around the corner. Though most courses in California are open year-round, superintendents who manage them still experience a seasonality and rhythm to the maintenance of their properties.

Our association also ebbs and flows with a seasonality. In the months to come, we will be hosting several events, which are staples of our annual calendar. In November superintendent Jose Alvarez will host our annual Charities event at Fort Washington CC. This event benefits community charities designated by host clubs and is always well attended. The event itself is a great opportunity for members to put together a 4-some in support of the association and the designated charity. I hope you can consider forming a team from your course or club. All are welcome, including your staff, your club's members, and outside guests.

In December our annual Holiday Event takes place at Windows on the Water in Morro Bay. This is a non-golf event, which over the years has been a favorite. Superintendent and affiliate members use the event to network and socialize while enjoying a great meal at a great restaurant. The evening also includes a spirited gift exchange and Morro Bay's annual boat parade. If you have never attended this event I highly recommend it!

Finally, as we move into 2023, GCSAA's annual conference and trade show will once again be held in Orlando, Florida February 6-9. This is the premier educational and networking event in the golf industry. Superintendents from around the world gather to discover new products, network with like-minded professionals, and to educate themselves. Registration is open for GCSAA's annual conference as well as California GCSA's "California Room" at Maggiano's Little Italy scheduled for February 5, from 6-9 pm.

I look forward to seeing you around the green,

Glenn Matthews, CGCS

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**TAKE ACTION
STOP AB 2146**

Assembly Bill 2146 will ban the application of insecticide products containing neonicotinoids on all turf, trees, and ornamental plants. Having passed the California Assembly and Senate, the bill has been sent to the Governor for signature, and we need your help to persuade the Governor to veto the bill.

Please voice your opposition as soon as possible at the following link:

<https://www.votervoice.net/GCSAA/campaigns/97436/respond>

Thank you for helping in this legislative effort!

**In Memorial
John Marman**

The following is sent on behalf of West Coast Turf

The West Coast Turf Family has suffered a tragic loss. On Sunday, August 14th, 2022, John Marman, our VP of Sale and Marketing, passed away.

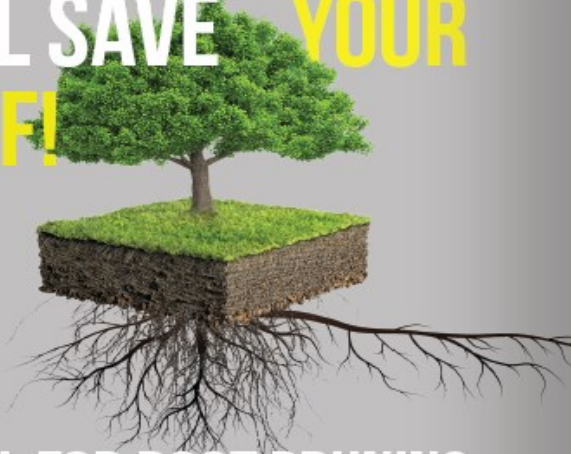
John started with West Coast Turf at age 24, and for the last 27 years rose to be our Vice President of Sales and a leader in our industry.

He leaves behind his sister, Danielle Scardino, sister, Sue Hanks, and his 11-year-old son, Knox, the light of his life.

He was a friend to all. There are no words that can describe the terrible grief and pain his loss brings to all of us in the West Coast Turf Family.

The GCSACC Board of Directors and staff extend heartfelt condolences to John’s family, friends, co-workers, and all whom he touched.

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



As we approach the fall golf season, its time to start thinking about making travel plans to attend the 2023 GCSAA Conference and Trade Show and GCSAA Golf Championships. Next year's show will be held Feb. 6-9 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, FL. with the GCSAA Golf Championships being contested Feb. 4-6.

Registration is now open with advance pricing available through November 15. Package options that are available include:

All-Access Package (\$1,245 through November 15)

- Jeff Jensen
- Access to as many seminars as you want
 - Unlimited access to Power Hours
 - Trade Show access, including education on Trade Show Floor stages
 - Networking events
 - Award presentations
 - Welcome Reception with free food and drink at Aquatica Beach
 - Post-show virtual education event with access for your entire crew

Full Pack Registration (\$600 through November 15)

- Can register for seminars ala carte for additional fee per seminar
- Unlimited access to Power Hours
- Trade Show access, including education on Trade Show Floor stages
- Networking events
- Award presentations
- Welcome Reception with free food and drink at Aquatica Beach

Trade Show Only (\$450 through November 15)

Trade Show access, including education on Trade Show Floor stages

Members purchasing the All-Access package will receive 2.5 education points with Full Pack packages receiving 1.5 education points. As a reminder, all current GCSAA members are entitled to a one-time complimentary full pack registration as part of their member benefits. Member dues must be paid in full at the time of registration, and GCSAA will confirm eligibility.

The GCSAA Golf Championships will take place Feb. 4-6 at ChampionsGate Golf Resort and Orange County National Golf Center and Lodge. ChampionsGate features two championship 18-hole golf courses designed by Greg Norman and Orange County National played host to the 2003, 2005, 2007 and 2010 PGA TOUR Qualifying School Finals.

The Four-Ball event will take place on Feb. 4 with the GCSAA National Championship and Golf Classic taking place Feb. 5-6 and the always fun and relaxed Scramble competition taking place on Feb 5. Competitors in the National Championship must have a handicap of 5.0 or under.

Cost for the Four-Ball and Scramble are \$250 with the National Championship and Golf Classic at \$500. Affiliates are also able to compete in the Four-Ball and Scramble for \$275 and \$575 for the Golf Classic.

Registration and additional information for both Conference and Trade Show and the GCSAA Golf Championships is available at <https://www.gcsaaconference.com/home>.

I hope to see many of you in Orlando next year and if I can be of any assistance to you in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me at jjensen@gcsaa.org and please make sure to follow me on Twitter @GCSAA_SW for industry updates. Thank you for your continued support of GCSAA!

Welcome
New Members

David Avila- Harrells



Farmload Distributors

The End of an Era

As Willie Nelson said

“Turn out the lights” “The party’s over”

Or maybe it’s just beginning, as it’s time for Diane and I to change directions and start enjoying the next phase of our lives. Everyone sees ups and downs but we can truly say living Farmload for the last 33 years has been exciting and fulfilling. We have had the opportunity to meet many good, energetic salt of the earth people, have been able to watch man cope with mother nature and always ultimately conquer what has been thrown at him. Watching that success and being part of it will truly be missed. We feel we have surrounded ourselves with good people and we are leaving you in good hands.

Thank you for accepting us into your lives,
time for retirement!

Farmload
Mike and Diane Farmen



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Golf Course Dog Profile



This Quarter we have the luck to interview the very sweet Fort Washington C.C.'s dog, Roarii.

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

Hello, my name is Roarii, but my humans call me "Wowee" and I'm cool with it. I am 4 years old and I am a terrier/pitbull mix. That's right, I'm a pit. I'm from Madera Ranchos and boy do I love to be free and outdoors. Even my job is outside, everyday from 6am-8pm. I'm a security guard for my humans. I'm constantly on the lookout for squirrels, cats, and I watch the people walking on the street in the front.

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

The people who live in our home is my mom, Alondra, she's really cool and she let's me sleep in her room (Shhhh don't tell grandpa, Jose). Then there's grandma, and I think her name is Maria, I'm not sure she's always yelling. But she feeds me, so I like her.

2. What are your hobbies outside of work?

I love to spend my off days walking around the yard looking for something to do with Grandpa. He gets on the gator and me and my brother, Smokey, hop on and we go for a ride in the neighborhood. Sometimes me and grandpa like to go to the mini golf course we have, and I love to make it hard for him and sit on his line. I also learned how to climb a 3 foot fence on my own. I'm the entertainment of the day every time I do that for my humans and their friends.

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

I would like to think that I am a 10 because my tail never stops wagging, even when I get in trouble. I have my own dog house with a nice bed and a blanket, but I don't even have to sleep in it. It's more like my outdoor pad. I get to sleep inside with my mom. I get to go on rides, go camping, go to the lake and I have a lot of space to run around.

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

After a bad day I like to go around my house and get pets from all my humans. I love knowing that they're home safe.

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

Even though I know it's bad for me, I love me some people food. I get a little piece of bread from grandpa every morning as he's leaving to work

6. What are some of your nicknames?

WOWEE!!! Sometimes mom calls me Princess which makes me feel warm and fuzzy inside.

7. What is your biggest vice?

My biggest vice is that I constantly scratch my tailbone on the grass and chairs.

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

Goofy , cute, and brave.

9. At what age did you start working?

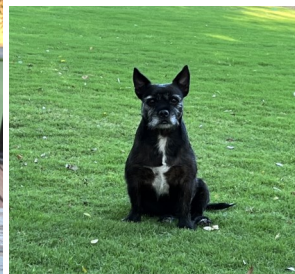
I started working at the age of 6 months.

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

"Home is where the dog runs to greet you"

11. What's your most embarrassing moment?

When I was young, I did the unbelievable. I killed a chicken and I feel really bad about it and boy did I get in trouble.



We have loved getting to know Roarii., and we look forward to meeting many more of the course dogs from around our association.

SAVE THE DATE
BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES
1/16/2023 THE ALISAL

We will be hosting a BMP Event on January 16, 2023 at The Alisal in Solvang, CA. This will be a push to get as many courses up and running with your individualized BMP.

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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Around the Green

By Jim Culley

The Around the Green article is usually done to keep us abreast of the goings on within the chapter. Its about members moving around, projects happening and other events. I haven't done one in a while, and not because of people switching jobs or projects being undertaken, we all seem to find out about those well before this article comes out. Instead I want to talk about a loss we've had to our industry. For those of us that have been around for 25 years and more, we will be dealing more with those we've lost than any other topic. I wanted to talk about John Marman, VP of West Coast Turf. John was more than just an affiliate member to the chapters in Southern California, he was an integral part of the whole industry. I've known John for more than 25 years. I met him while I was covering the Las Vegas golf market, but it wasn't until he moved to Southern California that we became more than fellow affiliates, we became friends. John was just that way. He would gladly talk sod with you all day, but he also wanted to know about the other parts to your life. He enjoyed playing golf at chapter meetings and many times we were paired together. Of course, we cared how we played but it was more about the connection. We should all take that to heart and reach out to others more as friends than just people in the industry. Next to our immediate families, we see and talk with each other more than you think. John will be missed by many of us. I couldn't attend his funeral because of the family vacation but I thought of him during the service time, and I heard there were many people in attendance. That speaks volumes about the person he was. I know that many in this chapter may only have seen him at tradeshow or heard his name mentioned when discussing sod, but that's ok. We have so many come into and out of our lives over our lifetime it's hard to remember them all. For those of us lucky enough to know John, I would like to bestow upon him the greatest honor one individual can for another. He was a good man



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2023

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