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Central California Chapter
GCSAA



President's Message *Glenn Matthews, CGCS*



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Happy New Year!

Another year is past and a new year before us. This time of year is always ripe for reflection and it is also an ideal time to plan for the future. I am speaking about planning to attend one of the series of events planned by your association over the

course of the year. Your association works diligently to provide you with a full slate of events and are currently working hard on the 2023 calendar.

Events are the natural connective tissue of our association. They bring members together and I look forward to attending as many as possible. Attendance has always been a challenge in the Central California chapter due to the large geographic area covered and the relatively small number of members. That is why your participation is so vital to the success of our events and the overall health of our association. Please take a look at our upcoming 2023 event calendar and make an effort to put as many of our association event dates on your calendar as possible.

Our next event, at the Alisal Ranch, is a great opportunity to get up to speed with best management practices for California golf courses.

The state chapter has invested resources to develop a customizable template, which superintendents can use to create a set of BMP's specific to their facility. BMP's were developed to offer superintendents a road map for operating their golf courses efficiently and within the guidelines of state environmental and regulatory law. The Alisal event will be a workshop dedicated to answering questions from superintendents trying to develop a written document for their course. Bring your laptop and be prepared to get some important work done.

Finally, I would like to make a call to for nominations for our upcoming board elections. This year we have two director positions open and an opportunity for an affiliate director. Superintendent directors must be class A members in good standing. Elections occur at the annual meeting. If you are interested please contact Kim at the association office or reach out to me or a board member with questions about how you can serve your association.

I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming meeting!

Glenn Matthews, CGCS

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SAVE THE DATE
BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES
1/23/2023 THE ALISAL

We will be hosting a BMP Event on January 23, 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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From the Field Jeff Jensen, GCSAA Field Staff, Southwest Region



Happy Holidays to all of our Central California GCSA members! I hope you have some free time to enjoy the festivities with family and friends before we launch into what promises to be a busy year.

As we move into 2023, now is the time to consider donating to Rounds4Research. The 2023 auction is scheduled for April 24 – May 30. We are now accepting donations for rounds of golf (twosomes or foursomes) that will be auctioned off nationally through the BiddingForGood website. 80 percent of the funds raised from the donated rounds will go back to the chapter in which the round was solicited. The proceeds can then be used by the chapters to fund specific projects including research, education, and advocacy. As we all know, the research efforts at UC Riverside as well as the advocacy efforts of the California Alliance for Golf (CAG) are vastly underfunded and Rounds4Research is a way that our local GCSAA chapters can assist in supporting these endeavors. Facilities can donate online at <https://www.gcsaa.org/foundation/rounds-4-research/r4r-online-donation-form> and the entire process takes approximately 10 minutes. Facilities can also indicate restrictions including blackouts on times of the year or days of the week. If you are a private facility that is unable to donate a round, we also accept monetary donations for the program at <https://gcsaa-foundation.snwbll.com/r4r-donor-form>.

If you have any questions concerning Rounds4Research, please don't hesitate to contact me or Katie Lomshek at klomshek@gcsaa.org or 800-472-7878.

In other news, the California Legislature reconvenes on Jan. 4, 2023. The last day for bills to be introduced is Feb. 17. In addition to the outreach efforts of CAG and particularly the Southern California Golf Association (SCGA), GCSAA Government Relations Manager Michael Lee and I will be making some visits to various legislators and state departments in Sacramento this winter in an effort to better serve the golf industry in California, particularly in regard to pesticide regulation.

Our various allied golf associations in California have a terrific relationship and we work closely together to serve all of the interests of our golf community both locally and at the state level. While all involved will admit we have a long way to go, we are looked at by the golf industry as a model for government relations activities, something that we can all be proud of.

Thank you for your support in 2022 and we look forward to a successful and prosperous 2023. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at jjensen@gcsaa.org and follow me on Twitter [@GCSAA_SW](https://twitter.com/GCSAA_SW) for industry updates. Happy Holidays!!



Welcome
New Members

Dominic Peluso– Visalia CC

Run for the Board

Our Annual meeting is coming up on January 23, 2023 at Alisal. We will be looking for 2 Superintendents to run for our Board of Directors., and 1 Affiliate member to be our Affiliate Representative. These are 2 year terms, with the option to continue on to the Executive Board as Secretary/ Treasurer.

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Golf Course Dog Profile



Hank "The Tank"

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

Hi there. My name is Prince Eric. I am 9 years old and I work at the Stockdale Country Club in Bakersfield, CA as the resident squirrel chaser. I am a mix of Chihuahua and Pit Bull, and can be aggressive and neurotic all at the same time. I have a lot of energy and try to keep it positive.

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

Well, I live in Visalia with the boss, Glenn and my two kids Emma and Jett. It's pretty great!

3. What are your hobbies outside of work?

Work is really the highlight of my day, so when I'm away from work I spend a lot of time napping. Spending all day at the club can really take the life out of me, but my house is surrounded by other dog neighbors. My favorite hobby would have to be running along the fences in my yard barking at my buddies.

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

10 for sure! Before I came to the Matthews' family I was homeless, wandering the streets of Visalia. One day I came into this cool neighborhood near the Visalia Country Club and stumbled into this random family and they took me into their home. I been here ever since it's great! They feed me regularly and the house is warm in the winter and cool in the summer.

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

Treats. Actually, my main function at work is finding treats. I have very few bad days.

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

Boss get these chicken filets from Costco that are the absolute bomb. Some of the treats I get at work can leave me a little gassy.

7. What are some of your nicknames?

Most people just call me Eric.

8. What is your biggest vice?

I don't know what that means...

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

I know this one...energetic, hungry, and awesome!

10. At what age did you start working?

The boss put me to work as soon as he decided I was cool, but I got fired from the job at VCC. I bit a few people...all bad people mind you. Eventually they let me come back on Monday's, but interaction with golfers was limited. Honesty, I only bit bad people. Since we moved to SCC I have been reinstated and there have been no incidents.

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

No favorite quotes, but my favorite movie is the Little Mermaid. That's where I got my name you see. My girl Emma loved that movie and named me after the prince in it.

12. What's your most embarrassing moment?

There was a fair amount of shame associated with getting banned from VCC, but life is short and I just don't care about that anymore. People can't paint me with that brush anymore.



Amended SORE
Emission Standards
January 1, 2024

On December 9, 2021, the California Air Resource Board (CARB) approved a measure on Small Off-Road Engines (SORE). SORE are spark-ignition engines rated at or below 19 kilowatts (25 horsepower). The amended regulation will set SORE emission standards to zero in two phases: • First, for model year (MY) 2024 and all subsequent model years, emission standards will be zero. These emission standards of zero will apply to engines used in all equipment types produced for sale in California, except generators and large pressure washers. Emission standards for generators and large pressure washers will be more stringent than the existing standards by 40-90 percent starting in MY 2024, but not zero. • The second phase will be implemented starting in MY 2028, when the emission standards for generators and large pressure washers will be zero. The amended regulations apply to the manufacture and sale of new equipment only (defined as equipment that uses a small off-road engine manufactured for sale, sold, or offered for sale in California, or that is introduced, delivered, or imported into California for introduction into commerce). This includes leased equipment. Golf Courses can continue to operate their current CARB-compliant gasoline-powered SORE equipment; there will be no “ban” on using older models or used equipment purchased in the future. Older models can also be purchased from manufacturers or store shelves even if they are gasoline-powered. Engines that use diesel fuel are not subject to the regulations. Local air districts may have rebate programs available for transition to zero emission equipment and they will establish their own guidelines for such programs

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Around the Green

By Jim Culley


It's been a couple of months since my last Around the Green article. I hope that everyone had a pleasant Christmas with friends and family. New Years is just a few days away and then we start 2023 running. Hoping and praying that it is a better year than 2022.

The chapters first meeting of the year is on January 23 at The Alisal in Solvang. I know everyone has much on their plates and committing to a meeting in the New Year is always a little tougher. Let me say that this meeting is very important to all of us.

The GCSAA provided funds for the chapter to host a BMP meeting for courses to create theirs. That is why the meeting is a no charge event for superintendents. Many of us throughout the state have participated in some form of putting together the BMP document. There were numerous individuals volunteering a great deal of time, and money raised from numerous California Room events at GIS to pay for an outside party to rework the template for us. I personally served on the GCSAA BMP Resource task group during development of the document.

There have been a few courses here in California that have implemented it and used the data when meeting with their committees, boards, management, and even some government agencies. If you feel you don't have the time to complete it yourself, have an assistant come to the meeting and work on it. There are also a few people in the industry, like me, that have worked on them for golf courses at a nominal fee.

The important thing is to get them done. A great deal of time and money has been spent to create the BMP template for your benefit and the benefit of the association. Hope you can attend the meeting on the 23rd.



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The GCSACC would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to Fort Washington CC and Superintendent Jose Alvarez for hosting our 2022 Charity Tournament. Sadly, due to weather, golf was canceled for all of those unwilling to walk the course. A few brave souls did venture out in the rain as the day got a little warmer.

Craig Johnson and Nutrien were our lunch sponsors and the taco truck provided was delicious and appreciated by all in attendance and the crew from Fort Washington. Matt Graves and Belkorp provided the beverages, making for a perfect lunch.

We appreciate all that attended and donated to the event. We wouldn't be the successful association we are today without all of our vendor and member support.



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Alisal Golf Course
January 23, 2023

February 4-9
GIS
Orlando, FL,
California Room 2-5-23
Maggianos Italian Rest.

April
Education Meeting
Date and Location TBD

2023

June
Tulare Golf & CC
Al Glaze Scholarship Tourn.
June 5, 2023

August
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Holiday Party Highlights

Windows on the Water

12/3/2022

The Annual Holiday Party at Windows on the Water took place on December 3. Sadly, due to weather, the Lighted Boat Parade was canceled, but everyone made the most of it by sharing a lot of laughter and Holiday Cheer. There were a lot of familiar faces this year with Trini Hernandez and his family, the newest member being his grandson, who was perfectly behaved. The Cordovas, Clines, and Milnes took up their usual spots, with Andy even coaxing Mike out of retirement and back into his roll as MC of the white elephant gift exchange. This is always a good time of banter and gift stealing. It was great to see retired member Randy Haines and his wife Peggy. They never miss this opportunity to visit with old friends and colleagues. The Barr family made it out this year after a few years break . It was wonderful to see Paul and Whitney and wish them congratulations on the new baby who was born only a few months ago. While I wish we could list everyone who attended, rest assured, that a great time was had by all, and if you get the opportunity to attend next year, you wont regret it.



Above: Trini Hernandez and Family
Below: Jim Culley and wife, Cathy.



Above: Mike Cline and Andy Cordova



Above: Paul and Whitney Barr, Jim and Cathy Culley, Matt Pearse and Roxi Selck

Below: Craig Johnson and wife, Amy.



Below: Chapter President Glenn Matthews and Kevin Wiles

