

TeeOff News

First Quarter 2023



President's Message *Andy Cordova*



I have spent some time thinking about how to kick off my first president's message. There have been so many things that have happened since I was last in this position. Although it was only three years ago, it seems like a lifetime ago. These past three years were tough on all of us and while we still feel some of the repercussions as an industry, it appears we are on the upswing. So, rather than dwell on that, I would like to take the time to thank some people who guided us through these times while also welcoming our new board members.

First, a special thanks goes out to Glen Matthews, CGCS for guiding our association as president these last three years. He not only fulfilled his two-year presidency but stayed on for another year and left us in a positive direction to continue forward. On behalf of our chapter, THANK YOU, Glen!

The Board of Directors also deserves a big thank you for making hard decisions these past three years that improved our chapter and kept us afloat. Your dedication to the chapter was crucial to our survival. Four representatives are stepping down this year: Superintendent representatives Todd Najak (Dragon Fly GC) and Rob Lomeli (Ridgecreek GC) and affiliates Jim Culley (Seed King) and Dave Goodrich (Nutrien). I want to be sure to recognize and thank these representatives for their service to the board, we sincerely appreciate you. THANK YOU!

As those four directors step down from their positions, I want to introduce and welcome their successors: Superintendent representatives Elliott Weber (The Alisal) and Landon White (Copper River) and affiliates Craig Johnson (Nutrien) and Dean Kinney (Sierra Pacific). Although Elliott, Landon, and Dean are relatively new to our association, their enthusiasm and new ideas are a welcome addition. Craig Johnson is a returning board member, who brings his fresh perspective as an affiliate representative combined with his experience as a superintendent. Thank you gentleman for stepping up and joining the Board of Directors.

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank you, the members of the GCSACC. Without you, our association would not exist. The geographic territory of our association makes it difficult for everyone to be involved in meetings and tournaments. However, I recognize and appreciate that most members have been able to attend at least one event recently, whether it was close to you or it required some travel. No matter how many events you have attended in the past, your support of our chapter is what keeps us going.

In that spirit, please look at our upcoming calendar of events. I encourage each of you to attend at least one event this year, especially if it is close to you. As always, we have a variety of locations to choose from between the Coast and the Valley. If you have never been to a meeting or tournament I hope to see you at one of this year's events because the GCSACC is an excellent group of people to be associated with. Thank you all and I look forward to seeing you this year.

- Andy Cordova

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The Remodel
San Luis Obispo Country Club
By: Mike Cline

I know that several of you are curious about the on-going remodel at San Luis Obispo Country Club, and how it's proceeding; so hopefully I can shed some light on the project.

I had the opportunity to sit down with Superintendent Paul Barr recently and gain some insight into the project and where the club stands today. San Luis Obispo Country Club began an extensive remodel beginning in September of 2020 with the bulk of the work completed by April of 2022. While there are still a few tweaks, essentially the work is done. The scope of the remodel was quite extensive with a new irrigation system, lake design, drains and drainage system, new tees, improved bunkers, additional cart paths, some green expansions and finally an improved driving range.

The biggest component of the renovation was an improved irrigation system. The club had some lofty goals with regards to the work; they wanted to improve the performance of the system to 90% efficiency and uniformity. A lofty goal which required a great design, along with quality installation and a bit of a redesign to the landscape to maximize the systems performance. The club selected a new Rainbird IC system with computerized controls located in the shop. Water for the course is still a blend of 70% well water and 30% effluent water supplied by the city of San Luis Obispo. Once the adjustments to the system are complete and everything is running at optimum levels, the club will conduct a water uniformity audit to verify they've reached their 90% target.

Another big area for the remodel was the addition of new tees, not so much to lengthen the course, although they did ever so slightly lengthen the course, but to improve the quality of the hitting surface and to improve pace of play. Bermuda grass was selected for these new tees and should prove to be a great addition to the course.

The final "Big" piece of the remodel plan was to improve drainage. Soil at the club is extremely heavy and water penetration is difficult to almost impossible during the rainy season. Granted we haven't seen many of those in recent years, but low and behold, we have the heaviest rainfall totals in years here in 2023. The goal was to improve surface water movement off the course, while improving the in-ground drainage system to move additional water away from the playing surfaces for improved conditions. We will have to ask Paul if the new improvements did everything the club was hoping for.

One other bit of information regarding San Luis Obispo Country Club will be the addition of a new set of solar panels to be installed at the course in early to mid-2023. The new solar panels will be installed in the clubs parking lots, inside of some of the course's fenced effluent ponds and over the shop area. In addition to the solar panels, Paul indicated the entire shop area will be rewired to handle the influx of new battery powered equipment the course is set to begin moving towards with all of the new gas powered equipment mandates coming down the line from the state of California.

I know there are a ton of other changes you might like to know about, but for now, we'll save that for another time.



Fairway with new bunkers



New Tee



Improved Landscape

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



Jeff Jensen

I hope this finds all of our Central California members doing well and surviving what has been a difficult and wet winter (albeit needed) for the California golf industry.

The California Legislature is now in session and we are tracking numerous bills that could have an affect on the golf industry. AB 363 would require the California DPR, by July 1, 2024, to publish a reevaluation of the latest science regarding the Impacts of neonicotinoid pesticides, as defined, on pollinating insects, aquatic ecosystems, and human health when used for the nonagricultural protection of outdoor ornamental plants, trees, and turf, and, by July 1, 2026, to adopt regulations governing that use that are necessary to protect the health of honeybees, native bees, and other pollinating insects, aquatic ecosystems, and human health. While the California golf industry doesn't oppose the reevaluation, we do oppose the change to the assessment protocol (from risk-based assessment to hazard-based) as well as the potential influence, interference, and timeline of the legislature on the outcome of the reevaluation. It is not the place of legislature to circumvent the established regulatory process. Comments have been filed requesting that the bill be based on a risk assessment without undue outside interference from legislature.

While the drought issues have certainly eased for the upcoming summer season, water is always at the forefront of our legislative efforts. AB 460 and accompanying SB 389 would create new administrative enforcement processes that would allow the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to make binding determinations on water rights. Significantly, AB 460 in particular would grant interested parties the right to file petitions for the SWRCB to impose restrictions on water rights that could significantly limit or eliminate a diverter's ability to exercise those rights. Collectively, both bills would undermine existing legal protections for pre-1914 and riparian water rights and result in significant changes to how California's water rights system is administered. Golf doesn't have many pre-1914 water rights in the state, but we do have numerous courses that have riparian rights, and this is a bill we will be following closely.

More information as well as action alerts (where warranted) will be forthcoming as the bills stall or advance through committee.

For more information & updates visit <https://www.gcsaa.org/advocacy/take-action>.

Thank you for your continued support of GCSAA and 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.

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Golf Course Dog Profile



Hank "The Tank"

Good Day to everyone! I am please to interview this issues newest Dog Celebrity.

1. Please state your Name, Age, Breed, Facility, Occupation

I am Gunner, 1 ½ years old, German Sheppard, Tulare Golf Course, Geese Chaser Extraordinaire.

2. Please name the members of your family that live in your home.

I live with Alex, Irene, and Rhianna

3. What are your hobbies outside of work?

I like Sleeping, Bugging my owner, and "Playing" with the cat.

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

Oh, I am 10+ !! My owner found me on the golf course, and now I'm the Mayor of the course!

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

I always love a nice Ribeye Steak.

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

In n Out Burgers! I get a pup burger.

7. What are some of your nicknames?

Gunther, dumb dumb, dummy.... I don't really understand the last 2 though...

8. What is your biggest vice?

Geese or water, or maybe, Geese IN water...

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

Hyper, active, and friendly.

10. At what age did you start working?

5 months old.

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

Pain is temporary, quitting is forever.

12. What's your most embarrassing moment?

Attacking a skunk and getting sprayed.



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From its headquarters in Kansas, the association provides education, information, and representation to nearly 19,000 members in more than 78 countries. GCSACC is one of more than 70 GCSAA-affiliated chapters that have joined the initiative to address the critical shortage of funding for ongoing, university based agronomic research, education, advocacy programs and course operations. We are a good sized chapter with some amazing properties, last year we only had a small number of clubs donate rounds, this year we can set our own record representation.


Proceeds allow these organizations to assist with specific projects that will have the most significant impact in their local areas. You can help foster sustainability with a donation or by bidding on rounds during the online auction. Feel free to reach out to any board member to assist in donations and please help facilitate a donation should you be contacted.

2022 Association Health

<u>Meetings</u>			<u>Other Revenue</u>		
<u>Year</u>	<u>Avg Cost</u>	<u>Avg. Att</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>ADS</u>	<u>Sponsors</u>
-2018	\$77	40	-2018	\$4,350	\$7,425
-2019	\$68	44	-2019	\$4,050	\$7,817
-2020		N/A	-2020	\$5,600	\$1,700
-2021	\$97	38	-2021	\$3,200	\$6,600
-2022	\$77	34	-2022	\$3,925	\$8,956

Al Glaze Scholarship & Research

<u>Year</u>	<u>Funds Raised</u>
-2018	\$7,401
-2019	\$7,818
-2020	\$6,042
-2021	\$8,396
-2022	\$9,200



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June 5, 2023

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Date and Location TBD

August
Tri-Chapter Tourn.
Dairy Creek GC
August 4-6

February
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Date and Location TBD

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Right: Jeremy Payne, Matt Moore, and other California GCSA Members.

Below: Brown Sand Sponsor, CJ Boone with GCSACC Past President Glen Matthews



Right: Kevin Breen and Don Naumann



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