

TeeOff News

Second Quarter 2023



Tulare, CA



President's Message *Andy Cordova*



As I write this president's message, we are entering a cooler-than-usual summer. I'm sure people in the valley have enjoyed the cooler weather while waiting for the other shoe to drop. We are spoiled here on the coast and have had slightly cooler temperatures, but nothing extraordinarily out of the norm.

In June we had our annual Al Glaze Scholarship and Research Tournament. This year Tulare Golf Course hosted the tournament and the course looked great. On behalf of the GCSACC, I would like to thank Brett Miller and his staff for their hospitality and for hosting such a great event. I would also like to thank our sponsors and everyone who volunteered their time for the cause. The tournament was a success & the money raised goes towards two scholarships: the Steve Scarborough Turf Scholarship and the Legacy Scholarship. The Steve Scarborough Turf Scholarship is available to students pursuing a career in the turf industry. The Legacy Scholarship is open to anyone whose parent is a current chapter member, regardless of their field of study.

Although we did not have any applicants for the Turf Scholarship this year, we were able to award a Legacy Scholarship to a very qualified candidate. We were excited to present this year's Legacy Scholarship, to Chloe Kinney (daughter of current board member Dean Kinney). Chloe graduated from Ponderosa High School in May and will attend Folsom Lake College in the fall to study Political Science. After meeting Chloe, I am confident she has a very successful future ahead of her. We are honored to be a small part of her journey.

Moving into the latter half of 2023, three events remain. On August 4th, our chapter will host the Tri-chapter meeting at the beautiful Morro Bay Golf Course. We appreciate Superintendent Josh Heptig hosting and setting up the event. We have an exciting meeting scheduled that includes speakers and the tri-chapter golf competition. After the tournament, Josh has planned an evening at the Top Tracer golf simulator at Dairy Creek for those who want to continue the fun. The board of directors set this event for Friday so those traveling from out of town can bring their families to spend the weekend on the coast.

On November 6th, Copper River Country Club Superintendent Landon White will host this year's Charity Tournament. We are looking forward to that event. More information will follow, but for now please mark it on your calendars. As we close out the year, our annual Christmas party will be held on December 2nd at Windows on the Water in Morro Bay. This is a wonderful event that is always a fun time and a great chance to catch up with friends from the industry. It takes place the same night as Morro Bay's Lighted Boat Parade so reserve your hotel rooms early because they fill up fast.

We, as the board of directors, work hard to schedule events for our members that are both enjoyable and in a favorable geographical range, with the goal that at least one event per year will be within a reasonable driving distance for everyone. I encourage everyone to attend at least one of our last three events and even more in the future. Your support of our chapter is crucial to our success. I look forward to seeing everyone in Morro Bay.

-Andy Cordova

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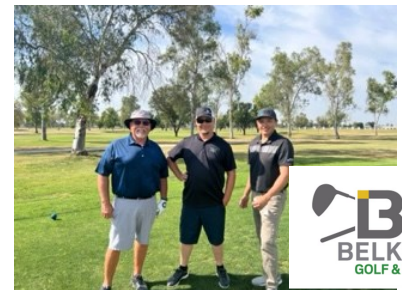
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From the Field Jeff Jensen, GCSAA Field Staff, Southwest Region



Jeff Jensen

I hope this finds all of our Central California GCSA members doing well and getting ready for what promises to be a busy summer of golf!

The California Legislature is still 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 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 for industry updates. Best of luck with your summer golf season!



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Welcome
New Members

Evan Moffitt
Site One Supply
Class E

John Allan
Yara North American
Class E

New Member Bios's

On behalf of the GCSACC, I would like to welcome new members, Evan Moffitt, and John Allan.

Evan is the Area Business Manager for the greater Los Angeles market (which includes the Coast, Bakersfield, and LA) for Site One Landscape Supply. He deals mainly with landscapers but has recently been involving himself more into golf.

Evan grew up in Terra Bella, just outside of Porterville, and at a young age was always very enamored and passionate about plants. This brought him to the school with one of the best horticulture departments around in Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. While at Cal Poly in the early 2000's he was the best at identifying plants not only at Cal Poly but nationwide at the yearly collegiate competitions. His knowledge of plant identification and growing locations is unmatched.

Evan graduated in 2004 and over the next 13 years he held a couple of different positions in the landscape business until ultimately taking his current job with Site One Landscape Supply. Even though his current position is a little different than what he originally set out to do, plants and landscaping are still a big part of his life that he is very passionate about. He remains very involved in the industry as he currently holds the position of president of the California Landscape Contractors Association. Evan uses his expertise to not only work on his own house but to help people out anyway he can. He genuinely enjoys helping and building those relationships that give people an added asset.

John is the Regional Sales Manager for the South Central Valley for the fertilizer company Yara North America. He works mainly on the Agriculture side of the business but dabbles in and has a long history on the golf side.

While growing up in Aromas California (Monterey area), among other activities, John got hooked on golf. So much so that he attended and graduated from the San Diego Golf Academy in 2000 with the intention of become an instructor. Quickly realizing that teaching wasn't for him, he turned in to the world of golf maintenance.

That newfound passion started John on the path to pursuing a career as a PCA with the intention of advising golf courses. This lead to him attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, majoring and ultimately getting a degree in Plant Protection Science. The desire for the golf course maintenance never wavered as he worked at San Luis Obispo Country Club while attending college.

After graduation, John's career lead him to Oregon and a sales job with Western Farm Services selling to farms. Over a decade later and a couple of different sales jobs his area of expertise has broadened into the fertilizer world. This ultimately brought him back to the Central Coast and a to his current position as a regional sales manager for a very large fertilizer company in Yara.

Although John's career was directed more into the world of agriculture, his love for golf still remains. He enjoys helping out golf courses in whatever way he can, this includes playing them a couple times a week when time permits. His desire to be around golf in anyway possible is what makes him happy. So if you need a playing partner in our next event, John's 3 handicap will be a nice addition.



Evan Moffitt
Site One



John Allan
Yara North America



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Welcome to Evan and John!

TEE-OFF News

AL GLAZE 2023 Scholarship Recipient– Chloe Kinney

We want to wish a big Thank You to Brett Miller and the Tulare Golf Course as well as all of our attendees and sponsors at the 2023 Al Glaze Scholarship & Research Tournament. With all of your support we were able to offer a \$1500 Scholarship to our Legacy Applicant Chloe Kinney. Chloe is the daughter of Affiliate member Dean Kinney with Sierra Pacific Turf Supply. Chloe will be attending Folsom Lake College and majoring in Political Science. Her ultimate goal is to become an immigration lawyer. She and Dean were in attendance at the event and hosted a very fun and competitive Casino Hole.



Left: Dean Kinney and Chloe Kinney manning the Casino Hole



Right: The STS Team Featuring host Brett Miller, Landon White, Alex Barbarena, and Scott Furtak



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Safety Moment:

We usually have 100 things on our mind each morning at our kickoff meetings, and Safety is one of them. Safety is something we all think about, but seem to never find the time for. We always say, I will cover safety tomorrow or next week. But safety is extremely important to our operation, from production to financial impact.

Below is a quick 5-minute training guide to review and go over with your crews. Let's all put SAFETY FIRST!

Heat Illness Mitigation

Establish a heat illness prevention program

Include safe working practices and emergency procedures.

Provide education and training

Ensure your workers are aware of the risks of heat stress associated with their work and ensure they understand the symptoms to look out for.

Allow workers to acclimatize

Gradually increase workload and heat exposure. Identify which workers are acclimatized or assessed as fit to work in hot conditions.

Reduce exposure to hot environments

Design work timetables around the weather with the most strenuous work scheduled for cooler times of the day.

Increase air circulation

Use fans, air conditioning and ventilation to lower temperatures; and physical structures that reduce exposure to radiant heat or create shade.

Monitor the health of workers

Check those who are most at risk to heat stress due to the nature of their job or because of an illness, condition or medication.

Prevent dehydration

Provide cool water and encourage workers to drink every 15-20 minutes – thirsty or not – during hot weather.

Provide frequent rest breaks

On the hottest days, provide hourly breaks with access to cool areas in the shade, or in an air-conditioned building or vehicle.

Supply appropriate clothing

Outside workers should wear light, loose-fitting clothing, sunglasses and sunscreen. Be aware that protective equipment may increase risk of heat stress and provide more rest breaks for these employees.

Heat Acclimatization

Heat acclimation or acclimatization plays a large part in the body's physical responses and overall ability to cope with heat exposure. Heat acclimation is a broad term that can be loosely defined as a complex series of changes or adaptations that occur in response to heat stress in a controlled environment over the course of 7 to 14 days. These adaptations are beneficial to activity in the heat and allow the body to better cope with heat stress. The positive adaptations that occur include reductions in: Internal body temperature responses, Skin temperature responses, Sweat electrolyte concentrations, Rating of perceived exertion, Sweat rate, Sweat onset (sweating starts earlier), Blood flow, Activity performance in the heat and cooler conditions.

Heat Acclimatization Tips

Duration

Gradually increase work times in hot conditions for 7 to 14 days. More experienced workers will acclimatize quicker than those new to the job.

Intensity

While on the acclimatization plan, the level of work should increase in difficulty to meet the rigors of the daily post-acclimatization work. Think of it this way: If the job in demand will include laying bricks in the South Florida sun all day, then that workers' acclimatization schedule should be striving toward laying bricks in the South Florida sun all day. Light or brief physical work will only acclimatize the worker to light and brief physical work.

Rest

Rest during an acclimatization schedule is just as important as the work. The gradual build-up of getting the body to a point is the key to any proper program.

Superintendent Profile *Brett Miller—Tulare Golf Course*

Tulare Golf Course first opened its doors in 1956, designed by Bob E. Baldock as an 18-hole, public golf course with Bermudagrass greens and fairways. A course built in the heart of California agriculture, it remains committed to the original concept to support the ag and blue-collar community. In 2017, the course was sold by brothers Don and Bob Clark to a local family with roots deep throughout the community. The Faria Family bought the golf course with a vision of being one of the best courses in the valley and their first meaningful decision was to hire Brett Miller as their General Manger “GM”.

Brett Miller is the definition of a local boy. Originally from Oceanside, Brett’s family moved to Tulare when he was 2-years old. He graduated from Tulare Union High School in 1987 and went on to receive a 2-year degree from the College of Sequoias. While attending COS, Brett worked summers at Kings Country Club, in Hanford, for Bob Dalton as a sort of Swiss army knife and irrigator. More important, he got his first experience with golf course architecture. The club was doing some work on the front nine holes, reshaping and renovating some bunkers and Brett was fully invested, soaking in as much as he could. That experience nearly took him in the direction of pursuing a career in architecture, but at 22-years old he was offered the assistant superintendent position at Tulare Golf Course. After a few years as the assistant and watching two superintendents move on, Don Clark came to Brett with a proposition. If Brett could pass the test and get his Qualified Applicator Certificate, he would become the new superintendent of the golf course. In 1996, Brett passed the test and became the next superintendent of Tulare Golf Course.

Like most golf course superintendents, Brett wears a few different hats. First and foremost, as husband to his wife Christy and father of two, son Casey and daughter Kayden. When Casey was 6-years old, Brett put on his coaching hat and later became the president of the Tulare Baseball Association, where he managed the Youth Sports Complex, a position he held for 12-years. He also consulted with the Tulare Union School Board and helped change the direction and the philosophy of maintaining the high school’s sports fields. Something he takes great pride in not only as a parent but a graduate. As general manager to the golf course his duties extend further than just golf course maintenance. He acts as a politician with the public, a captain in the clubhouse, a leader in the community, and mentor to his superintendent Alex Barberena. As GM, Brett needed someone to manage the day-to-day of the golf course and looked no further than his assistant at the time, hiring Alex in 2017 to be superintendent. Both in new rolls, with new ownership and a blank canvas, they had all the support they needed to do it right.

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