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# The Marrone family & Wachusett C.C. continue to build on a golf tradition

## November Meeting

Monday, November 7, 1994 Mount Pleasant Country Club Lowell, Massachusetts

> Host Superintendent John T. Hassett

8:30 a.m. Board Meeting 10:30 a.m. Regular Meeting with Education to follow

11:15 a.m. Lunch

(Cost: \$35 - Golf & Lunch; Lunch only - \$14)

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Jack has been the golf course superintendent at Mt. Pleasant C.C. for the past nine years. Before that, he worked at Manderly-on-the-Green, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, for five years. Jack is a graduate of the University of Lowell and the Winter Turf School at UMass. He has one daughter, Julia, who is 16. In his spare time Jack enjoys skiing and golfing.

Directions: From either Rte. 128 or I-495, take Rte. 3 to Exit 32 (N. Chelmsford - Westford). At the rotary immediately off the exit, head toward Lowell by taking a right onto Westford Road. Go past a shopping center and the Ford dealer and take a right on Westford Street. Take the 4th or 5th right (either will get you there) and follow to the end and Mt. Pleasant C.C.

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The logical question often arises: Which came first, the Marrone family or the Wachusett Country Club?

Logical because for as many years as most can remember, one could not be mentioned without mentioning the other. It seems that before grandfather Joe Marrone moved his catering cart a nine-iron shot nearer the popular 18-hole layout's "clubhouse", people didn't know whether Wachusett was the name of a golf course, a potato chip company or a visiting Native American sizing up the prospective site of a gambling resort.

"That's right," Don Marrone, Jr. revealed. "My grandfather used to park his truck by the golf course where members bought hot dogs, soda, and other things. When he got the idea to move the business inside the club, he went out and got the loans to buy the place. That was in 1938 and there's been a Marrone running things ever since."

The Marrone family, in fact, is in its third generation of operating Wachusett as

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a public course. The succession runs from Joe to Don, Sr. to Don, Jr., the present owner-manager-golf course superintendent, and in the ongoing scheme of things every member of the Don, Jr. clan has a finger in the business.

"It's tradition," Don explained. "My grandfather was an enterprising man; he had his hands in a number of business ventures. But golf was compelling to him. He had three sons, Eddie, Richard, and Donald (my father), and each went his own way. Fortunately for me, my father loved and wanted to become a part of golf. I've just picked up the passion for the game from him and my sons have drawn the same kind of feeling from me."

Wachusett, the golf course, that is, hasn't always been the success into which it evolved once it changed the operation

from private to public.

"When we were private (until 1962), there wasn't any money from running the golf course," Don disclosed. "The catering business carried the course for a long time. However, once we went public the golf course took off. Eventually, there came the age of the golf outing and we put the two aspects together - catering and golf. I'd say we average three outings a week. That goes with the five-wedding weekends we undertake during the height of the (sic) matrimony season. Whatever, it's hard work and everyone pitches in. My father and I were a team when the business was just starting to turn the corner. And the team's just gotten bigger since my family came aboard."

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Don Marrone, Jr. Wachusett C.C.

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Don, Sr., who passed away a few years ago, waited until completing a service commitment in World War II before he became totally involved in the nuts and bolts of the golf course and clubhouse.

"Dad hired a superintendent until he was ready to take over the job of maintaining the course," Don told. "He laid the groundwork by taking turf courses at Stockbridge, where he roomed with Guy Tedesco. Afterward, he made the right move. He hired Guy as Wachusett super and Guy stayed around for quite a while until he moved on to bigger and better things. Then, a few years after Guy left, dad decided to become the club's supermanager."

In the meantime, Don, Jr. observed and absorbed as much as he could around the golf course and boned up for the business end of the venture by majoring in hotel management in college. Gradually, he joined his father in the field and parlayed his knowledge of both facets by dividing his time between maintaining the golf course and operating the clubhouse.

"As far as the superintendents' profession goes, I'm a graduate of the school of hard knocks," Don remarked. "But look at the teachers I had. My father, Guy Tedesco, and Nick Cammuso, who was the super before dad went full bore into the job."

Nowadays, Don, Jr. imparts the same kind of inherent job knowledge to sons Matt, Michael, and Nick. Matt's also ahead of the game, having completed a turf management program at Michigan State University. Michael, a high schooler, helps out on the course, while Nick, who could go the golf professional route, lends his own expertise of dishwashing to the operation. Mom, Pamela, also takes a work shift on occasion while daughter, Cara, who is a student at Notre Dame University, has set up a computerized system for the pro shop.

All of this goes into the success story Wachusett has become, a golfing grounds closing in on the magic 40,000 rounds-per-year number as well as a banquet place for an endless stream of social events.

So, what does Don, Jr. do to embroider his club's busy schedule? "Oh, you mean the idea to host the superintendents' scholarship and benevolent fund tournament?" Don added. "It's our pleasure and our commitment. It's our way of returning something to the game, more to the supers' profession. We're dedicated to boosting them (superintendents). They're the best people in the game, golf's real heroes. Two people (Nashawtuc's Paul Miller and the late Joel McKoan of Sawtelle Brothers) got the thing rolling. We hope to keep it rolling as long as possible."

Wachusett and the Marrone family, then, form a continuing legacy . . . both from the standpoint of building a golf/social activity facility that leaks over with success, and perpetuating a profession-enriching fund for the golf course superintendents and their successors. The Marrones may be many but they also are certainly one of a kind. God bless 'em.

GERRY FINN

### Calendar

Nov. 3	GCSAA Regional Seminar Drainage Systems Marriott Hotel, Providence, R.I.
Nov. 4	GCSAA Regional Seminar Irrigation Scheduling Techniques Marriott Hotel, Providence, R.I.
Nov. 7	GCSANE Monthly Meeting Mount Pleasant G.C., Lowell, Mass.
Dec. 7 & 8	GCSAA Regional Seminar Golf Course Construction & Techniques The International, Bolton, Mass.
December	GCSANE Monthly Meeting

January GCSANE Monthly Meeting Franklin C.C., Franklin, Mass.

Feb. GCSAA 66th International

Concord C.C., Concord, Mass.

20-27 Golf Course Conference
& Show
Moscone Center
San Francisco, Cal.

# The Super Speaks Out:

This month The Super Speaks Out takes a different route to its readers with a reach into the past for some conversations with retired members of the association. It may come as a surprise to some of you, but these old warriors haven't shriveled up and been blown away by the winds of time.

Phil Cassidy (super stops at the Needham and Weston golf clubs): "A funny thing just happened when you asked me how I fill my hours these days. I say funny because I can't think of the last time I had a day off.

"What I mean by that is I'm very active around town (Needham) in a number of things. Most of them pertain to my generation. I'm always busy lining up some activity or event for the Needham Senior Center where I serve as president of the Needham Elderly Corporation. That takes up a lot of my time.

"Another project is the retired club, also in Needham. We have over 350 members and I get into the overall operation as chairman of the golf committee and, naturally, the garden committee. We meet twice a month and the time preceding the meetings usually finds me lining up a speaker or lining up a golf course for a little informal tournament.

"That takes care of my regular schedule. Away from that my wife, Viola, and I have spent a lot of time traveling. Some of the places are exotic, like Hawaii, and others are most interesting, like Alaska where there are occasions when you can play golf 24 hours a day.

"Alaska is a special place for us also because my son, Charles, who is a retired Army colonel, lives there with his wife and our daughter-in-law, Billie Sue. She has an interesting job there, too, as director of protocol for the area's Army base. You'd be surprised at who passes through those places . . . everyone from country presidents to bona fide sheiks.

"Of course, you might say Viola and I really started something. In addition to my son, we have two daughters. And the overall scorecard reads 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

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Phil Cassidy

"As for the superintendents' end of things, I still look back at my 47 years in the profession (20 at Needham, 27 at Weston) as some of the best years of my life as well as the fact that I held every office in the New England Association in addition to being a national director. That's then, though, but what I like about now is the way the present-day supers are taking up the environnmental challenge. I like the way they're handling them."

"My goal was always to make playing golf enjoyable . . ."

Joe Butler

Joe Butler (super stops at Wayland, Sandy Burr, Mt. Pleasant, Lowell, United Shoe): "Right now, I'm feeling pretty good because of a miracle. A cataract operation. I'm seeing things I never saw before in my life. Like golf balls. You ought to see the number I find when I take my 5 a.m. walks near Paul Johnson's course (Ferncroft).

"I'm also happy about another thing — my weight. I've gone from a high of 234 pounds to a present 182 pounds. I guess those walks help as well as the card games in my apartment. I think it's seven floors to our little game of (oh, no, I mean our, uh, bridge tournaments).

"Anyway, my only setback has been a bout with arthritis that's taken me out of my golfing foursome. But I have a lot of friends away from the golf course as well as my sons, Larry and Jay, and my daughter, Rosemary. They've done well. I'm proud of them.

"My superintendent days were filled with a lot of good feelings. I started out with Phil Farina at Wayland. I was the first super there. After that, I had pleasant associations in Lowell and at Sandy Burr until I wound up at United Shoe for the last 17 years of my career.

"I'm also proud to have served two terms as New England Association president and been aboard when we hired you to spruce up the Newsletter. My goal always was to make playing golf enjoyable for my members. When I did that, they were happy and I was happy. That's the way it should be."

Lucien Duval (super stops at Hill-crest, Leicester, Chestnut Hill, Manchester, N.H., York, Maine): "You got it right. I'm retired . . . but only as a golf course superintendent. I guess you can say I'm half-retired because when I stepped down as super-manager at the York Golf and Tennis Club four years ago, I kept the manager title and the job that goes with it. In effect, I've left the hectic pace of keeping one eye on the golf course and the other on the clubhouse.

"It means that after 40 years and more of getting it right for members on the golf course, I'm confining my input to running the clubhouse, booking parties and making the social end of it enjoyable for members and their guests. And, believe it or not, I like it this way.

"That's because of the help. I have the best. My wife, Mary, is the club book-keeper, and my daughter, Leslie, is our functions director. It's a smooth operation. Not bad when you consider that we have two clubhouses and over 700 members.

"The inevitable question always comes up: Was the super profession more attractive than the manager's job? On that count, I have to be diplomatic. I like them both, although there's no taking away the memories of my time in the New England Superintendents Association and when I served 10 years as the group's treasurer. Those were happy times, but so are these. Half-retired. Hmm? I guess that's probably what you would have expected from me, if it had to happen at all."

**GERRY FINN** 

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Lucien Duval

# Annual Turfgrass Research Tournament draws enthusiastic support & participation

Our 6th Annual Research Tournament was conducted at the Worcester Country Club on September 26. The rainy weather held off and all attendees enjoyed a great golf course and the traditional Worcester Country Club hospitality. I would like to thank club manager Mary Marshall and club professional Ray LaJoie for all their efforts in making this day a success. Superintendent Mike Nagle and the grounds staff at Worcester C.C. deserve our particular thanks and acknowledgement for their course preparation efforts. The course was fabulous.

#### Tournament results were as follows:

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1994 Proceeds. Our summary of 1994 Turf Research donations, tournament registrations, tee sign and raffle proceeds, and associated tournament expenses, show a net income to date in excess of \$15,000.

Thanks to the following for participating in 1994:

Tee and Green Sponsors. Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund; Massachusetts Golf Association; New England P.G.A.; A-OK Equipment Sales; Agr-Evo U.S.A. Co.; Aquatrols Corp.; BISCO (Boston Irrigation); Borden Limestone Co.; Ciba-Geigy Corp.; Charles C. Hart Seed Co.; D.L. Maher Co.; J.P. Roberts Co.; Jerry Deemers Country Golf, Inc.; LESCO, Inc.; Lofts Seed Co.; Miles Specialty Products; Modern Aeratlon Service, Inc.; Pro-Lawn Products, Inc.; R.F. Morse & Sons, Inc.; O.M. Scott Co.; Sawtelle Brothers; Tee and Green Sod, Inc.; Tom Irwin, Inc.; Turf Enhancement Enterprises; Turf Products Corp.; and Turf Specialty, Inc.

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Country Club.

1994 Fund Donations: Over \$3900 was donated by the following individuals, clubs, and businesses: Garrison Golf Center, Hickory Ridge Country Club, Tatnuck Country Club, Tedesco Country Club, Weston Golf Club, F.D.I., Inc., Manny Francis, David Sylvester, Tom Irwin, Inc., Tee and Green Sod, Inc., and Prolawn/Miles.

Of particular significance were the donations from Tee and Green Sod and Pro-lawn. Earlier this year, a check totaling \$1843 was presented to GCSANE by Robln Hayes on behalf of Tee and Green Sod. This donation was given in conjunction with the volume of sod sales transacted between Tee and Green Sod and our GCSANE members.

On September 26 at Worcester C.C. a check for \$1000 was presented to GCSANE by Mike Kroian, Tim Keating, and Brad Herman on behalf of Pro-lawn Inc., in conjunction with Miles Specialty Products, for deposit into our Research Fund.

Thanks to all who donated to our fund this year through the above-mentioned donations, tee and green sign sponsorship, and raffle merchandise, as well as all those individuals who supported our annual raffle, and to all of the 112 registrants for the tournament.

Lastly, a special thanks goes out to the GCSANE Research Committee for all their time and effort, and again to the entire staff ond membershlp of the Worcester Country Club for making our 1994 research effort such a success.

STEPHEN CHIAVAROLI, CGCS **Tournament Chairman** 

## UMass offers "Green School" program

Green School is a comprehensive educational training program for Green Industry professionals. Sponsored by the University of Massachusetts Cooperative Extension System, it is designed to provide training in horticulture fundamentals and the relationship of those fundamentals to environmental quality.

Green School is intended to instill a sense of environmental stewardship its participants. Integrated pest management (IPM) is the foundation of the curriculum.

This 60 hour training program is offered to garden center managers and employees, athletic, municipal and institutional turf managers, lawn care operators, grounds managers, landscapers, golf course personnel, arborists, tree wardens, nursery operators, urban forestry volunteers and professional gardeners. Horticulture professionals will learn about IPM concepts and the optimization of pest control through proper cultural management of turf, woody ornamental, and other related specialties.

Instructors for the program are from the University of Massachusetts, Stockbridge School of Agriculture, Cornell University, Pennsylvania State University, University of Rhode Island, University of Connecticut, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, and Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management, plus successful business people from across the nation.

The program will be at the Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge, Mass. Classes begin January 5 and meet approximately once a week until the end of March. The fee of \$350 is payable upon registration on or before December 1. Register early; space is limited. For information call Kathleen Carroll (413/545-0895) or Mary Owen (508/892-0382).

## Seminars, forums, awards, & trade show to highlight GCSAA conference Feb. 20-27

Over 15,000 industry professionals expected to attend San Francisco event

An estimated 15,000 to 16,000 golf industry professionals are expected to attend the 66th International Golf Course Conference and Show, Feb. 20-27, 1995, at the Moscone Center in San Francisco. The event, which is the largest in the golf course management industry, is hosted annually by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).

The week will include nearly 80 educational seminars, sessions and forums; a three-day trade show, which is expected to fill 190,000 square feet of the center; a gala banquet featuring the presentation of GCSAA's Old Tom Morris Award; the association's annual meeting and election of officers; and the 1995 GCSAA Golf Cham-

Conference week opens with the annual GCSAA Golf Championship, which will be played Feb. 20-21 at five courses on the Monterey Peninsula. A field of up to 480 will compete for individual and chapter team honors in the national tournament. Beginning in 1995, GCSAA's golf championship will be presented in partnership with The Toro Company.

Many of the educational and professional development needs of golf course superintendents will be covered in the 60 one and two-day seminars that will be offered during the first four days of the conference, Feb. 20-24. Seminars will address issues ranging from environmental responsibility to personal stress manage-

Concurrent education sessions and special-interest forums are scheduled Feb. 24-27. Half-day programs hosted by allied associations, including the American Society of Golf Course Architects, the American Zovsiagrass Association, the Golf Course Builders Association of America and the United States Golf Association Green Section, round out the conference portion of the week.

Rocky Bleier, legendary running back for the Pittsburgh Steelers, will keynote the Opening Session on Thursday, Feb. 23, at the San Francisco Marriott.

More than 650 companies that manufacture and distribute golf and turf industry products, supplies and services are expected to exhibit at the trade show, which will run Feb. 25-27, at the Moscone Center. A record 671 exhibitors showcased their products and services during the 1994 show in Dallas.

A headline performance by recording artist Anne Murray will provide entertainment at the formal closing banquet on Monday, Feb. 27.

The highlight of that gala evening will be the presentation of the Old Tom Morris Award, GCSAA's highest honor. This year's award will be presented to turf industry giant, Dr. James Watson. Previous recipients of the award include Arnold Palmer, Bob Hope, Patty Berg and Byron Nelson.

The 1994 conference and show in Dallas drew 15,386 people. More than 1,300 of those attending were international visitors and guests, representing more than 50 countries and territories outside the United States.

## Ciba partners with GCSAA to present certification luncheon at conference

As a tribute to the extraordinary commitment made by certified golf course superintendents, Ciba Turf & Ornamental Products has joined forces with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) to host a certification luncheon and program during GCSAA's 66th International Golf Course Conference and Show. GCSAA's annual conference and show is scheduled for Feb. 20-27, 1995, at the Moscone Center in San Francisco.

The GCSAA and Ciba partnership will include an exclusive complimentary luncheon and program for certified golf course superintendents to be held Friday, Feb. 24, in the San Francisco Marriott. In October, all certified superintendents will receive invitations to this event.

GCSAA President Joseph G. Baidy, CGCS, said: "With this new partnership program, Ciba is helping us to provide even greater recognition of the importance of becoming a certified golf course superintendent. GCSAA is extremely pleased and proud that Ciba has stepped forward to

present this program."

To become certified, a candidate must have five years experience as a golf course superintendent, be employed in that capacity, and meet specific educational requirements of college credit or continuing education units. The candidate then must pass a rigorous six-hour examination covering knowledge of GCSAA and its certification program, the rules of golf,

turfgrass management, pest management, safety and compliance, and financial and organizational management. The GCSAA instituted the certification program in 1971 to recognize outstanding and progressive superintendents. More than 1,400 active GCSAA members currently hold "CGCS" status.

"GCSAA's continuing education and certification programs produce the best professionals this industry has to offer," said Bill Liles, director of turf and ornamental products for Ciba. "By sponsoring this event, Ciba is proud to recognize the professional achievements of highly proficient superintendents."

The luncheon (12:15-1:00 p.m.) will be followed by a program (1:00-1:45 p.m.). The program portion of the certification event will be open to all GCSAA members and will include a business meeting. There will be discussion of new eligibility requirements for certification and recognition of newly certified superintendents.

"In addition to the certification luncheon and program, Ciba has shown their outstanding commitment to GCSAA over the years through its support of the Environmental Steward Awards and sponsoring our Legacy Awards," Baidy said. Ciba, a GCSAA Affiliate member, is also a longtime exhibitor at GCSAA's International Golf Course Conference and Show and a major advertiser in Golf Course Management magazine.

# GCSAA teams with Ciba to present international lounge at conference & show

In order to better serve the more than 1,300 international attendees expected at its annual conference and show, the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) has created a partner-

ship with Ciba Turf & Ornamentals International to offer an international lounge.

The lounge will serve as a central welcoming location for attendees from other countries during the 66th GCSAA International Golf Course Conference and Show at Moscone Center in San Francisco. Located in the registration area, the lounge will have professional interpreters available to assist Japanese and Spanish speaking visitors. Additional assistance also will be provided for other international attendees.

GCSAA President Joseph G. Baidy, CGCS, said "We are very appreciative of Ciba International's involvement by sponsoring this lounge as a service to our international members and guests. It is very important that we respond to needs such as these. After all, this truly is an 'international' event."

Ciba International Business Development Manager Owen Towne said "The lounge will be a quiet spot to relax and visit with other international attendees and enjoy complimentary refreshments. We are glad to be able to team up with GCSAA to offer this opportunity."

Other international golf associations also will have their literature and information on display in the lounge. The lounge will be open Feb. 22-27 during conference and show registration hours.

## Interpretation services available

To assist non-English speaking guests at its annual conference and show, the GCSAA has announced that Japanese and Spanish language interpretation services during the educational sessions Feb. 24 will be presented in partnership with Toro International Equipment Division and International Seeds, Inc.

"We are very excited and appreciative that Toro International and International Seeds have stepped forward to help us present these services," said GCSAA President Joseph G. Baidy, CGCS. "We want to make sure that all interested parties attending these important educational sessions can understand and interact with the proceedings."

Simultaneous interpretation via headphone sets will be available for the 12 25-minute presentations. Cool-season turf issues will be discussed in the morning "North" session and warm-season topics in the afternoon "South" session.

Toro's Karla Holmquist said "We are pleased to be able to partner with GCSAA and International Seeds. Now international attendees can hear the most up-to-date information on golf course management techniques." Doug Toews of International Seeds said "We are also extremely pleased to be of assistance to the international attendees, making their experience during the conference and show an enjoyable one."

# DIVOT DRIFT...announcements...educational seminars...job opportunities ...tournament results...and miscellaneous items of interest to the membership.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Welcome New Members: Zip Type Service, Friend of Association, Newburyport, Mass.; and William Yanakakis, Associate, New Meadows G.C., Topsfield, Mass.

### **MEETING NOTES**

A Thank You to everyone at the Worcester Country Club who helped to make the Turf Research Tournament a success. Special thanks to the Turf Research Committee who worked long and hard to put everything together.

#### INFORMATION

Congratulations to Ron and Debbie Milenski on the birth of their son, Michael Edward. He was born September 9 and weighed in at 7 lbs., 1 oz.

**Dick Duggan** is still looking for winter meeting sites. If you could and would host one, contact Dick at 508-369-0879.

Congratulations to Jim Reinerston, formerly of The Orchards G.C., on being named the new golf course superintendent at the Dedham Country and Polo Club.

Manuel C.Vivieros of Furnace Brook G.C., Quincy, Mass., recently became a Certified Golf Course Superintendent. Congratulations!

#### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Position Opening: Golf Course Superintendent, Ipswich Country Club, Ipswich, Mass. Send resumes to: Dan Desmond, General Manager, c/o Ipswich Country Club, 148 Country Club Way, Ipswich, MA 01938.

Position Opening: Assistant Superintendent, Cedar Hill G.C. (Town of Stoughton, Mass. – An Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer). Qualifications: 3 years experience and 2-year turf management degree preferred. Pesticide Applicators license mandatory. Salary commensurate with experience. Send resumes to: Ron Dobosz, G.C. Supt. 10 Pearl St., Stoughton, MA 02072.

Position Opening: Duxbury Yacht Club is seeking a full-time Superintendent. Resumes to: Paul S. Evans, Gangway, Duxbury, MA 02332.

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# Five Monterey area courses will play host to 1995 GCSAA Golf Championship Feb. 20-21

Five courses along the Monterey peninsula in California will host the 1995 Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) Golf Championship scheduled for Feb. 20-21.

Presented in partnership with The Toro Company, the association's 45th championship will test a field of approximately 480 GCSAA members and affiliates.

The host courses for GCSAA's championship are The Golf Club at Quail Lodge, Old Del Monte Golf Course, Poppy Hills Golf Course, Rancho Canada Golf Club, and The Bayonet.

The Golf Club at Quail Lodge, designed by Robert Muir Graves, was host to the United States Golf Association's 1975 Senior Amateur and annually is the site of the California Women's State Amateur. The 6,515-yard layout plays to a par 71 and has a slope rating of 126. Dennis Kerr is the golf course superintendent.

Old Del Monte Golf Course, designed by Charles Maud, originally was a nine-hole layout that opened in 1895. Old Del Monte is reportedly the oldest golf course west of the Mississippi River. At par 72, it plays to 6,278 yards with a slope of 122. Pete Bibber is the golf course superintendent.

Poppy Hills Golf Course, designed by Robert Trent Jones, Jr., is owned and operated by the Northern California Golf Association and has been a part of the PGA Tour's AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am rotation since 1991. The par-72 venue plays to 6,863 yards and has a slope of 143. Manny Sousa is the golf course superintendent.

Rancho Canada Golf Club, designed by Robert Dean Putman, is characterized by large, fairly flat greens. Participants in GCSAA's championship will play the West Course, a 6,613-yard, par-72 layout with a slope of 126. Tim Greenwald is the golf course superintendent.

In anticipation of a large number of participants, a fifth course was added to GCSAA's '95 tournament rotation. The Bayonet, designed by Gen. Robert McClure and located at Fort Ord, is a 7,000-yard, par-72 layout with a slope of 132. The military opened the Bayonet and its companion course on the base, The Black Horse, to public play last year. Nick Moana is the golf course superintendent.

A more detailed look at the 1995 GCSAA championship courses can be found in the September 1994 issue of Golf Course Management magazine.

The tournament will precede GCSAA's 66th International Golf Course Conference and Show in San Francisco. Tournament registration information was included in GCSAA's conference and show Early Bird

brochure, which was mailed to GCSAA members on Aug. 1.

Recent individual and chapter team champions and tournament sites of the GCSAA Golf Championship include:

1994: Champion - Robert Friend; Chapter - Georgia GCSA #1; Site - Austin, Texas.

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Toro's support of the GCSAA Golf Championship will include a number of added activities, such as complimentary receptions, continental breakfasts, a complimentary victory banquet, a new and expanded array of tee prizes and a hole-inone contest with a new car as the prize. Toro also is sponsoring the 1995 GCSAA tournament book. Any funds provided by Toro that are not used for the event will be donated to GCSAA's Scholarship & Research Foundation.

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