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**Chapter Golf Tournament**  
Fun For All. *See page 2*

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## **Chapter Elections** **December 5**

Cast your ballot for the 2012 CLCA Sacramento Chapter Board of Directors  
6:00 p.m., 7033 Lyndale Circle in Elk Grove

*See page 5*



MJM Lighting had the lowest score. From left to right: Andy Simpson, Mike Mitchell and John Inglett.

At right: The Landscape Contractors Insurance Services foursome David Bloodgood, Gil Gonzales, Brandon Baudot and Terry Mahlman.

Below: The Citrus Heights Mower group Craig Neubauer, Gary Cook, Casey McGraff and Mitch.



Below: Bob Melville, Billy Montesclaros, Dean Cummings, and Mike Jimenez.

## Annual Golf Tournament Loads of Fun

Thank you to all the players who came out to Teal Bend Golf Course on September 16, to make the Sacramento Valley Chapter Golf Tournament a success. The winners were:

**Lowest Score:** MJM Lighting

Mike Mitchell, Andy Simpson, John Inglett

**Highest Score:** River City Landscape

Rick Abalos, Matt Contreras, Glen Ward, Dennis Alias

**Closest to the Pin:**

Efren Herrera, John Deere Landscape

**Hole in One:** Steve Emerson, Hunter Industries



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- John Deere Landscape: Breakfast
- AG Sod: Longest Drive
- Landscape Contractors Insurance Services: Closest to the Pin
- Village Nurseries: Drink Cart
- Hunter Industries: 1st Place Award, Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin
- Redi-Gro: Closest to the Pin

Above: Kurt Kneeland, Tom Noonan, Jim Barbueto and Michael Heymore.



Above: Andy Gagnon and Dave Sorenson.

At left: Neff Rentals representatives Larry Wilson and AJ Cellini.

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Above: Todd Gerrow from AG Sod.

At right: Don Franklin and Art Heras at the Hunter Irrigation Tee.

Far right: Hightest Score honors went to River City Landscapes Rick Abalos, Dennis Alias, Matt Contreras, and Glenn Ward.



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- Nov 2 CLCA Sacramento Chapter Board Meeting - 5 p.m.  
Straw Hat Pizza 3327 Watt Ave., Sacramento
- Nov 16-19 2011 Annual Convention. Maui, Hawaii. Visit  
[www.clca.us/convention](http://www.clca.us/convention).
- Nov 17 Board 2012 Planning and budget meeting at annual  
convention.
- Dec 5 Board Elections. 6:00 p.m. Melville Residence, 7033  
Lyndale Cir., Elk Grove 95758. See page 5 for details.

Dates and times are tentative. Check this publication or our website for updates: [www.clcasacramentochapter.org](http://www.clcasacramentochapter.org)

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## CLCA Sacramento Chapter Business Meeting

August 3, 2011 6:00 pm. Straw Hat Pizza 3327 Watt Ave., Sacramento

**Members Present:** Steve Moodey, Rick Abalos, Bob Melville, Billy Montesclaros, Alex Gutierrez Tim Johnson and Sharon Yon

**Others Present:** Michael Mitchell, Beth Abalos

**Changes to the Agenda:** Beth Abalos will discuss Constant Contact email communication services under new business.

**Treasurer's report:** Bob Melville proposed that the president, president elect and treasurer use a credit card account to expedite payments at association functions. Mark Brown motioned and Billy Montesclaros seconded. Motion passed.

**Secretary's report:** Sharon Yon who substituted for Rick Abalos, presented the minutes taken at the July 2011 meeting.

Alex Gutierrez motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Tim Johnson. Motion passed.

**Events Committee Report:** Sharon Yon said the Arboretum All Star Plant seminar had a good turnout. High Ranch Nursery donated plants for the raffle and take home gifts.

Billy Montesclaros and Rick Abalos said the golf tournament is set for September 16th at Teal Bend Golf Course in Sacramento. They are looking for volunteers and sponsors. Steve Moodey offered to help.

**Membership Committee:** Our chapter has 2 new members:

- Byron Hutchings, Lawnman, Inc.
- Benny Benavente, American River College Student

**New Business:** Sharon Yon said the CLT site at American River College looks good. She will be making an announcement about volunteer positions available for the event taking place on September 24th.

Beth Abalos will be setting up sponsorship and registration for the golf tournament using Constant Contact email services.

A board member motioned for immediate reimbursement for travel and accommodations for CLCA functions if a prepayment is required. Motion approved by hand vote.

**Old Business:** Manuel Pina is asking for ideas on how to generate more attendance at the Landscape Industry Show. Sharon Yon will propose some suggestions next month.

The board has decided not to join the Regional Builders Exchange at this time. Mark Brown made a motion, seconded by Alex Gutierrez. Motion passed.

**President's Report:** CLCA will reimburse board members \$2,395 per person maximum for the Fall Convention in Hawaii.

The chapter is seeking nominations for next year's board.

**Education:** Tim Johnson said the Smart Controller seminar is on track and Tom Noonan of Ewing Irrigation will be the guest speaker.

Meeting adjourned: 8:23 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sac. Valley Chapter Secretary, Rick Abalos

**Minutes Approved:** Billy Montesclaros motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Bob Melville. Motion passed.

## Thank You to Our Certification Supporters

The CLCA Sacramento Valley Chapter Board would like to thank all of our generous sponsors and donors and everyone who contributed to the success of the Landscape Industry Certified Test held at American River College on October 1.



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Thank you to all who helped get the test site ready and otherwise helped out at the test. Your support makes this test run smoothly.

## Sacramento Valley Chapter 2012 Elections

Join us on Monday, December 5, at 6 p.m. for our annual chapter elections. This is your chance to meet and vote on your 2012 Chapter Board of Directors and share ideas on how the chapter can better serve you, the member. Elections will be held at the Melville residence at 7033 Lyndale Circle in Elk Grove. Bring a dish to share, preferably fitting into our Mexican theme. Please RSVP to Bob Melville at 916.364.2942 or 916.616.2204.



### Slate of Officers

- President .....Sharon Yon
- President Elect .....Mark Brown
- Secretary .....Rick Abalos
- Treasurer .....Bob Melville
- Associate Member Director.....Billy Montesclaros

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# Headline...

Steve Moodey, Moodey Inc., Chapter President



Well, fall is upon us. The leaves are starting to change, the cooler rainy weather is starting to come in, and it's almost time for the landscape industry to take a nice winter nap.

What a summer it has been, very mild, not a lot of heat, rather nice for the Sacramento Valley. It was a great summer for our Chapter, too. In July, several of our members went to Oxnard for the Family Summer Extranova put on by the state. The event was held at a beautiful (Embassy suites) location right on the beach. There were some very interesting meetings, a showing of the CLCA sponsored documentary about the LA River, and of course the annual softball game... which the north chapters won again, for several years in a row now!!!

In September, our chapter held it's annual Golf Tournament at the Teal Bend Golf Course. What a great event! The golf committee (Rick and Beth Abalos, Billy Monntescalos, and Janet Gerland) did a super job of setting up this tournament. When the players checked in, there was a goody bag waiting, and we had coffee, tea, and all kinds of muffins, bagels and pastries. Then it was off to golf! There was an orange ball

competition that most everybody was in on. After golf, we had a great lunch and then a truck load of prizes which were raffled off. A super time was had by one and all. Thanks to all the sponsors for their help in making it such a good day.

On October 1, our chapter hosted the Landscape Industry Certified (formerly CLT) testing at American River College. And, once again the CLT committee ( Sharon Yon, Mark Brown and Mike Mitchell) stepped up and worked there buns off to make everything go off without a hitch. Watch the state web page ([www.clca.org](http://www.clca.org)) and the California Landscape magazine... I am pretty sure you will see more about the test. Once again, thank you to all the sponsors who donated materials, equipment and time to make this happen.

Coming in November is the State Confrenance in Maui. There is a registration form online at [www.clca.org](http://www.clca.org).

Our chapter elections will be held at 6:00 p.m. December 5 at the Melville Residence, 7033 Lyndale Cir., Elk Grove 95758. Bring a dish to share, preferably fitting into our Mexican theme. Please RSVP to Bob Melville. Our web page ([www.clcasacramentovalleychapter.org](http://www.clcasacramentovalleychapter.org)) has the list of who is running for office. Please RSVP and join us for the fun filled evening.

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