



Robert “Bob” Horan, owner / managing director of Turf Solutions, has over 40 years experience in golf course and sports field management. He will speak on “sun and shade issues” at the conference.

Bob received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy and Plant Science from the University of Arizona in 1976; became *Certified Golf Course Superintendent* in 1984. In 2007, Bob established Sports Turf Solutions, Inc.. He currently does the maintenance and agronomic programs for Manila Golf and Country Club, Manila Polo Club, British School Manila and private residences in Forbes Park.

Bob worked with various golf properties as: Superintendent, *Nanea Golf Club*, Big Island, Hawaii; General Manager, *The Country Club*, Philippines, and *Klub Golf Bogor Raya*, Indonesia; Director or Grounds, *Ventana Canyon Golf Club*, Tucson, Arizona; Superintendent, *Sweetwater Country Club*, Houston, Texas and *Lone Tree Golf Club*, Denver, Colorado; Project Manager, *Apache Stronghold Golf Club*, Arizona, *Adare Manor Golf Club*, Adare, Ireland, *Klub Golf Bogor Raya*, *Kedaton Golf Club* and *Krakatau Golf Resort*, Indonesia; Grow-in Superintendent, *Fina Golf and Country Club*, and *Bali Golf and Country Club*, Indonesia, *Barton Creek Golf Resort*, and *Raveneaux Country Club*, Texas and *Alta Vista Country Club*, Scottsdale, Arizona and Project Consultant, *Foto Island Golf Club*, Cork, Ireland



Micah Woods, Ph.D., has degrees in horticulture with an emphasis on turfgrass management from Oregon State University (B.Sc.) and Cornell University (Ph.D.). He worked as course maintenance staff at 6 courses in the United States and was golf course superintendent at Shanghai Links (China) for 2 years and at Golden Cross CC (Japan) for 1 year. He established the Asian Turfgrass Center in Thailand in 2006. He has worked at many golf tournaments including the Masters (12 times), the U.S. Open (2 times), and the Open Championship (3 times). He is the co-developer of the MLSN soil nutrient guidelines for turfgrass. He conducts turfgrass research and is a frequent speaker about turfgrass topics around the world. Dr. Woods is also the author of two books: *A Short Grammar of Greenkeeping* and *Turfgrass Science and Greenkeeping*.





Mohd Nizam Othman is the first Malaysian to receive the Certified Golf Course Superintendent title from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. The 44-year old Johorean with over 20 years of green-keeping experience saw his hard work pay off when he proudly received the recognition in February 2017 in Florida, USA.



Nizam completed an extensive course that covers theoretical and practical aspects of golf course management. After a thorough selection process, less than 50 candidates were selected for the final examinations in San Antonio, Texas. “It is a great honour and I feel really proud as the first and only Certified Golf Course Superintendent in Malaysia. After having gone through rigorous course work, numerous assignments and travelling to and from the United States, it is definitely worthwhile for my professional career,” said Nizam.

Nizam is the Golf Course Superintendent at TPC Kuala Lumpur. He will be speaking on **golf course tournament preparations** at the 2017 Philippine Golf Course Management Conference in May 4-5.



Antonio "Boy Blue" Ocampo is guest speaking on *the Role of Caddies in Golf Course Maintenance* at the 2017 Philippine Golf Course Management Conference on May 4, 2017.

He has been Pro Rules Official /Tournament Director since 1995

- assisting in 209 Professional Golf Tournaments
 - 110 events as Tournament Director
 - 99 as Referee

for the Asian PGA (Omega/Davidoff Tour), Asean PGA, Asian Tour, One Asia and Local corporate golf events

He is the current General Manager of Valley Golf.



Tony Taylor, CGCS, will be speaking on Developing a Course Maintenance Manual at the 2017 Philippine Golf Course Management Conference.

Tony started his industry career in the USA with more than 15 years of success constructing and managing 5-star golf properties in the US including Innisbrook Golf Resort. In 1992, Tony founded Quality Golf based in Thailand and focused on creating world-class golf course maintenance conditions and training regional Golf Course Superintendents and staff in state-of-the-art golf course construction and maintenance practices. Over the years, he has worked with more than 20 top-tier facilities throughout Asia and with the European, Asian, Thai and Indian Professional Golf Tours to present the region's top venues in world class conditions for over 20 televised tournaments and 15 non-televised professional events.





Roger S. Goettsch, CGCS is the golf course superintendent at Shanquin Golf Club in Hainan. He obtained his B.S. in Horticulture / Turf Management from Iowa State University. He was a recipient of the Superintendent of the Year from the North Texas GCSAA. Roger has worked for various golf courses mostly in Texas and two in SouthEast Asia as Golf Superintendent, Director of Agronomy and Director of Golf Course maintenance.

Roger grew up on a farm in Iowa gaining experience in agronomics and machinery operation and maintenance. As a junior and senior in high school, he helped build and maintain a local 9-hole course there. After high school, he acquired a BS degree in turf management from Iowa State University. Since graduation he has worked on several projects from the ground up in Texas, Thailand, and Indonesia. More recently, Roger hosted the PGA Tour Shell Houston Open 2004-2008 at Redstone Golf Club in Houston. He has worked with the following architects: Arnold Palmer, Gary Player, Desmond Muirhead, Keith Foster, Ken Dye, Dick Phelps, Reese Jones, Peter Jacobsen/Jim Hardy and a few others. His hobbies include golf, scuba diving, welding/fabrication, Bread making, snow skiing and spending time with family.



James (Jim) Graham Prusa has a passion for golf course management and has been engaged with Asia since 1968. He's known for wearing many professional hats working simultaneous jobs and says he "would be bored to death" in a single occupation employment and thinks that "most people could accomplish much more than they do." As an extensive 'hands-on' executive in many facets of hospitality, recreation and event management he is first and foremost a third generation *greenkeeper* who began working in the golf industry as a laborer when his father built a golf course in 1963 near Cleveland, Ohio, USA. After Vietnam War service flying electronics warfare combat support missions north of the DMZ and flying typhoon reconnaissance penetrations throughout Asia Pacific for the US Navy, he became the Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds in 1977 for Pasatiempo Golf Club in Santa Cruz, California.

In 1982, the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) recruited him as their national Director of Education. While concurrently serving additionally as the Technical Editor of *GOLF COURSE MANAGEMENT* (GCM) Magazine and Chief Operating Officer (COO), he completely redirected the association's certification and education program as well as the Conference and Show that is today called the GIS. Prusa additionally worked as a chief executive and consultant for various national trade associations in the USA. He is the current director for golf courses and laboratory at Sky72, Korea. Jim will be speaking on **Fertilization and Chemical Applications** at the 2017 Philippine Golf Course Management Conference.



The 2017 Philippine Golf Course Management Conference will have **Bruce R. Williams**, CGCS, once again in the resource speaker line up. He will talk on Designing Training Programs for Golf Course Maintenance Staff. Bruce is a past president of GCSAA and Principal of Bruce Williams Golf Consulting. He has taught workshops and seminars throughout North America and abroad for the last 30 years. He graduated from Baldwin-Wallace College with a B.A. in English and speech pathology. He completed his Turfgrass Management Program at Michigan State University. During his career, Bruce has trained more than 140 individuals who are currently golf course superintendents or assistants. He is a highly rated speaker and instructor for GCSAA and the PGA of America, as well as regional turf conferences.





Engr. Charlton Materum is the Local Technical Expert of Gruppe Angepasste Technologie or Center for Appropriate Technology Philippine office. At present, he performs energy, water, and resources audits in addition to the provision of and access to various sustainable practices which included resource consumption reduction, energy efficiency, and the use of renewable energy and materials on tourism establishments which are members of the European Union's Zero Carbon Resorts (ZCR) Project.

Engr. Materum holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering with a Magna Cum Laude and Gold Medalist distinction, and acquired units for the Master of Science degree in Electronics Engineering, Major in Control Systems, both from the Mapúa Institute of Technology, Manila. He has been engaged with various renewable and sustainable energy projects for the past 6 years, previously working as a Technical Research Engineer for Landfill Waste-to-Energy, Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emission Reduction, and Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) projects under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and as a Renewables Technology Specialist for Greenentech Philippines. He has taught at the Mapúa Institute of Technology and Roosevelt College, and has held a number of capacity building seminars with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP), German Corporation for International Cooperation GmbH (GIZ), and local government units.



Prof. Noel A. Sedigo is an Associate Professor of Cavite State University in Indang, Cavite. He is the Chairman of the Department of Forestry and Environmental Science and also President of the Faculty Association. He holds a BS degree in Agriculture major in Soil Science from the Visayas State University in Baybay, Leyte and Master of Science in University of the Philippines in Los Baños, Laguna. He was a VSU-NFAC scholar during his undergraduate studies and graduated Cum Laude and Most Outstanding Student of VSU. He was a PCCAARD Scholar during his MS Studies at UPLB and was awarded the Most Outstanding Graduate Student.

Prof. Sedigo is Project Leader of two watershed characterization and vulnerability assessment studies in the province of Cavite and has finished two similar studies funded by DENR-PENRO of Cavite. He is also currently spearheading the Environmental Impact Assessment of Cavite State University.

He will be speaking of ***Water Levels and Quality*** at the 2017 Philippine Golf Course Management Conference.