

Thank You

Dear Members of the Golf Course Superintendents Association and Friends:

November 8th 1985, a day I will cherish as long as I live. What more could any person want than to be honored by his fellow superintendents and friends?

Thanks to those who spoke those kind words about me. Everyone knows that it would not have been possible for "me" to accomplish all that I was given credit for without a great deal of help and support. The last 39 years of my life have been associated with golf. I only wish that those who helped me, who have passed on, could have been with us; because without their help and encouragement November 8th would not have been anything special for me.

I extend my sincere thanks to my wife, Myrtle, who worked behind the scenes and was able to make this a surprise; Steve Carlton, who organized the program and President Ken Sakai who allowed the time for this presentation. Thanks to Bob Hanna, Bert Graves, Bob Livesey, Bill Davis, and Mike Clark for traveling to Del Rio to extol those kind words about me.

I have always been proud to have been a member of GCSA of N. California and GCSA of America and was honored to receive the letter of commendation and the 30 year pin presented to me by Ken from the GCSA of America. Ken's gift of a leather note pad will certainly become more useful as the years go by because it becomes more difficult to remember as one gets older, so I'm told. I treasured those 13 years I served on the USGA Green Section Committee and was very pleased that Ron Read took time to write a letter of congratulations. Thanks to all who attended the meeting, who helped me celebrate on this memorable day. Del Rio has been a great place to work and without their help, support and understanding, my career would not have been so complete.

If my golf career has been a success as was said by the speakers, I owe it to the help I received from my family, fellow superintendents, friends and associates who supported me through those 39 years. I am indebted to them all. THANKS for November the 8th.

Sincerely,
Cliff