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EXCELLENCE IN GOLF TURF MANAGEMENT

The purpose of this award is to recognize those Superintendents who have done a superior job of maintaining and grooming their golf courses.

Just as it is very difficult to compare budgets it is also very difficult to compare Superintendents because of all the possible differences in terrain, budgets, soils, climate, regulations, water, irrigation systems, available man power and equipment that the Superintendents must deal with.

However, despite, all these disparities, there are similarities between those Superintendents who are able to meet the challenges of their jobs and produce quality playing conditions year after year.

Those successful Superintendents all have a high degree of dedication and enthusiasm that they apply to their jobs. They share the ability to be resourceful and creative as they meet the daily challenges of our profession, always looking for a better way and leading by example.


This description actually applies to many Superintendents and that made it very hard for us to select the most deserving recipient of this award. After much discussion, thought and on course review we were able to get down to two final individuals, both of whom were deserving of recognition.

They both started their lives completely differently with one being born in Oakland and the other being born in Italy, but as they started their careers their paths followed a more common route as they both started as crewmen on golf courses and rose eventually to positions of superintendent after many years of learning the profession from the ground up.

This is not a tie, we are recognizing both of these Superintendents on their own merits and it is my great pleasure to announce the 1991 recipients of the Excellence in Golf Turf Management, Randy Gai of Claremont Country Club and Lou Tonelli of Lake Merced Golf and Country Club.




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