

# Annual Meeting Results

## Merit Award Winners

The selection of this year's merit award winners proved to be a difficult task for the Award Committee, comprised of last years' award winners and past president, Randy Gai. Many worthy individuals surfaced in the selection process, and after much deliberation, the following winners were announced:

### Superintendent of the Year

**Leon Snethen**, Saratoga Country Club

### Excellence in Turfgrass Management

**Ray Story**, Green Valley Country Club.

### George Santana Distinguished Service Award

**Robert E. Livesey**, CGCS

### Affiliate of the Year

**Mitch Fraiser**, West Start Distributing Company

Also **Robert Costa** received the newsletter "Best Article" check for \$500.00

## Committee Chairman Assignments

Membership	Roger Martinez
Program	Bob Costa
Tournament	Blake Swint
Education	Bob Costa, Chair Randy Gai, Asst. Chair
Scholarship	Roger Martinez
Bylaws	Randy Gai
Public Relations	Ken Schwark, Cochair Bob Costa, Cochair
Awards	Richard Lavine
Publications/ Newsletter	Richard Lavine, Editor
Affiliate Reps.	Bob Whittaker & Mike Ligon

The above board members are CHAIRMAN ONLY of these committees. A committee, by definition, is a group of persons. In order for our Association to function, participation is vital. Please get involved. If one of these committees interests you, call the chairman and volunteer to serve on that committee. You will find the service rewarding

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## Aeration.....Cont'd

*"I'm never going to get rid of these two guys, guess I better give them the whole dog and pony show."*

**Superintendent:** "We aerate the greens for a number of reasons. All the traffic with spiked golf shoes causes soil compaction. Aeration opens the soil and lets the grass breathe.

*Harry thinking: "So he expects me to believe we're compacting the greens with our spikes?"*

**George:** "Don't we aerate the greens with our spikes?"

**Superintendent;** "Absolutely not! They contribute to

the problem, and besides compaction relief, aeration removes the thatch, stimulates root growth, increases the rate of water infiltration, enhances the decomposition of organic matter, allows for more efficient nutrient uptake, and helps release toxic gas in the root zone replacing it with oxygen."

*Harry thinking: "If the greens have a gas problem, maybe he just needs to load up that spray rig of his with Roloids and Malox."*

**Harry:** "I just don't see what benefit the player receives when you aerate the greens."

**Superintendent:** Well, you don't see the benefits because most of them happen under the soil surface. If we didn't aerate we would run a tremendous risk of having more serious problems come the end of summer. Aerating the greens now allows them to recover faster and gives them a better chance to survive the summer. Aeration is so important we plan our entire maintenance schedule a year in advance around this day."

*Harry thinking: "I knew it!"*

**George:** "Really?"

**Harry:** "Come on, let's go

George, we've got 9 more holes to play."

**Latter in the middle of the 10th fairway:**

**George:** "Think any of that stuff about aerating was true?"

**Harry:** "Just the part about planning it year in advance. As far as I'm concerned, the rest was all techno-babble."

**George:** "I don't know Harry, we're not the only course that aerates. In fact I can't think of one course in the area that doesn't. Besides, this place is always in great shape."

**Harry:** "Maybe you're right George."