

GCSAA's 1996 Environmental Steward Awards

Two GCSANC members recently were honored as recipients of the GCSAA Environmental Steward Award. Nicholas Checklenis from Silver Creek Valley Country Club and Joseph A. Rodriguez, CGCS from Rossmoor Golf Course were Merit Award winners in the Western Region. The award is to showcase environmental efforts they have made to enhance their properties for the benefit of wildlife, golfers, and their surrounding communities.

Both Superintendents will receive similar awards, however the paths that both took to win these awards differ substantially. The Rossmoor course, over 30 years old, is involved in efforts to attract wildlife. They are working

with the California Bluebird Recovery Program, and have installed over 60 Bluebird nesting boxes on the course. They are encouraging creek side wildlife habitat areas, and are members of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program. Additionally, Rossmoor has an integrated pest management program, computerized irrigation system, and a wastewater recycling system. Silver Creek Valley is a much newer course. They have recently applied for certification in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program. Silver Creek Valley has set aside sensitive areas for the endangered Bay Checkerspot Butterfly, Mt. Hamilton Thistle, and the Metcalf Canyon Jewelflower. They are also renovating their lake edges with aquatic plant material. The use



Joe Rodriguez accepting his Environmental Steward Award from John Mielke, Advertising & Communications Manager, Jacobsen Division of Textron Inc. at the Environmental General Session in Orlando, Florida.

of plant material such as Festuca rubra, Iris, Juncus, Spartina Fliosa, Nymphaea, and Eleocharis will allow them to brighten up these areas and use fewer algae control chemicals.

Please join me in congratulating these two individuals for an excellent job in promoting our profession with these awards. ♦

Naumann's NorCal News

Scott Szydoski has accepted the position of Superintendent of Grounds at Blackhawk Country Club in Danville. Scott was the Superintendent at Morgan Run Golf Course in Southern California before his move.... Tracy Shanahan is the new Superintendent at Saratoga Country Club, replacing former V.P. Leon Snethen. Tracy was

the assistant under Mike Phillips at Almaden Country Club before accepting his new position..... Jeff Gorham is the new Superintendent at El Macero Country Club in Davis. Jeff is replacing Campbell Turner now at Riverview Country Club in Reading. Jeff was the Superintendent at Spyglass Hill Golf Course in Monterey. Replacing

Jeff at Spyglass is Eric Johnson.. Bill Keeler has accepted the Superintendent position at Boulder Creek Golf & Country Club. Bill was the assistant there under Bob Laic before his promotion. Bob has moved on to a similar position in the Bay Area..... Andy Slack has been hired by Sierra Pacific Turf Supply as the new customer

service representative for Rain Bird Irrigation and golf course supplies. He will be working with Tom Jackson and Ron Seibel..... John Martin has accepted the Superintendent position at Sun City Golf Course in Roseville. John was the Superintendent at California Golf Club before his move. He is replacing Bill Kissick.

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