

## Gary Carls, CGCS Receives Environmental Certification

Gary K. Carls, CGCS, of Santa Teresa Golf Club, San Jose, California has earned an Environmental Management Specialist Certificate from the GCSAA for completing a specialization program for Integrated Plant Management.

GCSAA is addressing the environmental impact of golf course maintenance and the increasingly complex training needs of golf course superintendents by offering specialized training through its Environmental Management Program.

The Integrated Plant Management specialization focuses on discovering effective methods of reducing reliance on pesticides and increasing the use of biological, mechanical and cultural pest control techniques.

Gary, by completing the required course work in the IPM category received a certificate and special recognition from GCSAA. Through his achievement, Gary has demonstrated a personal commitment to preserve and protect the environment.

## “Seine” Method for Coots & Geese

For those who are continually harassed by Coots and Canadian Geese, here is another approach to getting these birds out of your ponds. Credit for this must be given to Ken Linvill, Superintendent at Ruby Hills Golf Club who reports that he has solved his bird problem by using the “Seine” method. This require two people and a seine long enough to stretch across the problem pond. As the seine is moved towards the birds, they realize that trapping is eminent, and they leave the area. After a couple of these “treatments” the birds will not return. For additional information call Ken at 510-417-5888.

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