

THRU THE GREEN

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The Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California

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Unflappable Davies Begins Term As President

In a style all his own, President elect Dave Davies, CGCS assumed the reins of California's largest superintendents association at the recent GCSANC annual meeting. Before a small gathering, Davies spoke of the many challenges facing the future of the association, most notably, member participation. In Davies inaugural speech, he spoke of the need to reach out to the now over 600 members, and search for ways to increase their involvement. Davies comments, regarding member participation, were echoed by fellow board members Forrest Arthur and Mike Nunemacher in their campaign speeches, as a prelude to their race for Secretary Treasurer.

Davies will direct a Board that saw incumbents Gary Carls, CGCS and Forrest Arthur elected respectively to the positions of Vice President and Secretary Treasurer. Joining the trio are returnee's Bob Costa, CGCS, Director, Mike Nunemacher, Director (appointed) and Jim Karrick, Affiliate Representative. Elected to the Board were Ken Williams, CGCS, Director, Terry Grasso, Director and Craig Kilcoyne, Affiliate Representative.

Other highlights included:



Dave Davies, CGCS, speaks to Membership

Dues Increase

Without much fanfare the proposed dues increase was overwhelmingly approved by a vote of 57 to 6. The dues increase was sought by the budget committee, as a means of keeping pace with rising Association operating expenses. The increase of approximately 20% for class A, B, C and Associate Members will take effect immediately for all new members, and with this fall's renewal notice for current members.

Members Remembered

A moment of silence was observed for members Tony Ibara and Edward Silva, both of whom passed away this past year. Mr. Ibara served as the Assistant Superintendent at Burlingame Country Club. Mr. Silva, who was awarded a 50 year pin at the 65th year event in August had a storied GCSANC career. A member since 1948, he served as the Superintendent at Silverado Country Club, Stanislaus Country Club, Del Paso Country Club, Del Rio Country Club, and Monterey Peninsula Country Club.

Carls Takes Home Honors

Santa Teresa and San Jose Municipal Golf Course Director of Golf Maintenance, Gary Carls, CGCS, was awarded the prestigious Superinten-

dent of the Year Award. The award is presented annually to the superintendent who has made significant contributions to the profession of golf course management. Gary a previous resident of Michigan as served at the board level as a Director, Secretary Treasurer, and currently as the Vice President. In addition, he has chaired the Scholarship Committee, serves as the Program Chairman, and is a member of the Education Committee. He is also involved at the national level, having served on the Scholarship Committee and recently selected to serve as a member of GCSAA's Education Committee.

Joining Gary as award recipients were, **Pete Bibber**, Distinguished Service Award, **Dan Miller** Excellence in Turf Management and **John Holmquist**, Affiliate Merit Award. **Adrian Bertrens**, **John Deming**, **Norman A. Robinson** and **Robert L. Holland** were awarded 25 year pins. ♣

A's Game Set For May

Does the smell of freshly cut grass on a sunny day, hot dogs and peanuts sound appealing? Then mark your calendar for Tuesday, May 26th and join the GCSANC in a joint venture with the Sierra Nevada Superintendents Association for exciting Major League Baseball. The 12:15 start features the young and talented Oakland A's vs the expansion Tampa Bay Devilrays.

Modestly priced at \$25.00 the registration fee includes: game ticket, lunch and post game field tour led by Oakland A's head Groundskeeper Clay Wood. Bring the Family, they're invited too. Meeting registration forms will be available in early May.