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The Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California

Mr. Unflappable - Dave Davies, CGCS

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Dave Davies, CGCS has been an unwavering leader of the GCSANC over the past two years. His passion and energy for the association and the profession have been utterly unbelievable. Despite a complete remodeling of his golf course, a new marriage, a Board decimated by attrition, and the travel duties of being a chapter delegate, Dave has handled the duties of President ridiculously well. If there is anyone who deserves a good pat on the back, it's Dave.

Now there's more to being a good leader than just hard work. Dave has that special something about him that makes most of us want to like him. Although I'm still at a loss to exactly figure out what "it" is. Let's see, is it his gruff exterior? His skepticism? His cynicism? His passion for motorcycling? His reticence and tact? All I really know is that he has "it." About the only way I can explain it is that he's kind of like the kid next door growing up. He's a true friend, whom you really

like, but still want to just go slug in the shoulder. Dave's a totally unique individual. But that's what makes him such a treasure. I can say it has definitely been a pleasure to serve on the board under his leadership.

His golf course, Palo Alto GC was originally designed by Billy Bell Jr. and built in 1956. The course had a partial remodel in 1977 on four of the holes. This past spring, a major remodeling project was completed. The design concept for the project was done by Halsey/Daray, and Key Turf did the golf construction and irrigation. The project included new irrigation, drainage, five completely new holes, three new greens complexes and an artificial turf driving range. All of the work was done while keeping an interim course open for play. The major component of the project was water management. Half of the course sat at or below sea level.

Dave has a full time staff of eleven to maintain his 150 acres of turf. The
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Jan. 5, 6, 2000
GCSAA Seminars
Sustainable GC Landscape Design
Lake & Aquatic Plant Management

January 18th
Annual Meeting at
Palo Alto Municipal Golf Course

February 14-20
GCSAA Conference & Show

March 6
Stanford GC - Etonic
"Enhancing Your Job
& Securing Your Future"

March 23
USGA/NCGA at Castlewood CC

April 10
Media Forum at Coyote Creek

GCSANC 2000 Election Slate of Candidates

For
President Gary Carls, CGCS

For
Vice President Bob Costa, CGCS

For
Director Mike Hill
Roger Robarge
Gary Skolnik

For
Sec/Treasurer Jeff Shafer
Bob Lopic

