GCSANC Annual Meeting

GCSANC Past Presidents Were Recognized at Rancho Cañada

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The GCSANC held their annual meeting on January 16th at the beautiful Rancho Cañada Golf Club in Carmel. Host and outgoing president Bob Costa, CGCS did a great job in organizing the event. The chilly day began with attendees checking in for a nice spread at breakfast. The Association’s annual meeting followed. The meeting began with recognition of numerous Past Presidents in attendance, reports from the Board, elections, bylaw changes, and numerous awards. Without going into too much detail, here are the basics of what happened:

Bob Costa, CGCS called the meeting to order.

Cliff Wagoner, CGCS led the group in The Pledge of Allegiance.

Jeff Shafer delivered the Invocation.

Bob Costa, CGCS recognized the Past Presidents and special guests in the audience. He also noted the loss of Past President Pete Bibber in the necrology report.

Bob Lapic read the minutes from the 2001 meeting and gave the Treasurer’s Report (The Association seems to be in good financial health).

Dave Sexton, CGCS gave the review of the books done with Rich Lavine, CGCS.

Pat Finlen, CGCS presented the GCSANC Membership Report for 2002:

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As of 1/2/2002

Class A Superintendents 168
Class A Life Superintendents 26
Class B Superintendents 49
Honorary 3
Retired Superintendents 6
Retired Affiliates 15
Superintendents Or Assistant Inactive 4
Student 4
Assistant Superintendents 77
Associate 20
Affiliate 164
Educational Members 14
Media & Courtesy Members 40
Total Membership 590

Jeff Shafer gave the Programs Report thanking Roger Robarge for setting up the year’s meeting schedule that includes:

NCGA/USGA meeting at Castlewood in March
Superintendent Field Day at Peninsula CC in April
Supt/Pro at Myacama in June
Assistant’s Tournament in July
Scholarship Tournament at Lake Merced in August
Family Day in September
Institute with golf at Boulder Creek
Holiday meeting with golf at Corral De Tierra

Barb Mikel presented the Administrative Report noting the increase in technology available to members at this time

Bob Costa, CGCS gave his FINAL, final thoughts......He thanked everyone who has helped the association exist and prosper over the past year. His goal as President was to increase value to member superintendents. The Media Program has blossomed and is now being promoted with the help of Emmy Moore-Minister who has done tremendous work for the NCPGA.

Gary Carls, CGCS ran the election.

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Pat Finlen gives the membership report.

Barbara Mikel addresses the group.

Bob Costa, CGCS - Superintendent of the Year
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The results for 2002 are as follows:

Jeff Shafer, President  
Bob Lapic, VP  
Pat Finlen, CGCS Secretary/Treasurer  
Jim Irvine, Director, Emerald Hills  
PJ Spellman, Director, Corral De Tierra

Appointed to fulfill the vacated term of Joel Ahern: Mike Hill, Director, Moffett Field

New Affiliate Representative: Gary Ingram, CGCS

The proposed bylaw changes, regarding the definitions of affiliate and associate members, were approved by the membership.

Gary Carls, CGCS also presented the Awards:

25-Year Pins: Robert Dalton, John Fleming, Mark P Francetic, Leonard Theis and posthumously to Pete Bibber

Superintendent of the Year: Bob Costa, CGCS (2nd time winner)

Affiliate of the Year: Rex Gentry

Excellence in Turfgrass Management: Dennis Kerr of Quail Lodge

(Dennis thanked his crew and Assistant Thor...
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Larsen for their dedication. He also said, “Being a Superintendent is all I really want to do in life.” Dennis was very gracious in accepting the award and noted with a smile, “I’m just like a lot of you guys out there who basically operate out of fear.”

George Santana Distinguished Service Award: Joe Rodriguez, CGCS
(Joe graciously accepted and followed, “Having known George Santana and the kind of man he was, makes this award very, very special to me.”)

Merit Award for the Outgoing President: Bob Costa, CGCS

Jeff Shafer concluded the meeting noting how proud he was to be elected president and thanked those who have helped him along the way. He followed with words of encouragement to the membership to asked everyone to give something back to this great organization and to their fellow man.

Lunch and golf followed on a brisk windy day. Host superintendent Tim Greenwald and staff had the course in wonderful shape. Players played in a Net Scramble format that made for a lot of fun. Thanks go out to the entire staff at Rancho for making for a great day for the GCSANC!
After 30 years of tireless service, including three Tour Championships, two US Opens, and countless amateur events, John Fleming is retiring from the Olympic Club in San Francisco. Look for John in the future to surface in the design, construction, and maintenance fields......Replacing John at the Olympic Club is Pat Finlen, CGCS. Pat was the Director of Maintenance at Bayonet/Black Horse at Fort Ord.....Bob Veno is the new Superintendent at Old Del Monte Golf Course. He had been the Assistant at Spanish Bay Golf Links prior to his move. Bob is replacing Pete Bibber, CGCS who passed away last year.....Pat Macaulay is the new Superintendent at Sharpe Park Golf Course in Pacifica. Pat was the Assistant at Lincoln Park before his move. Both courses are run by the City and County of San Francisco.

Annual Meeting Golf Results
Net Scramble Format - Rancho Cañada - West Course

1st Place: Rich Lavine, PJ Spellman, Blake Swint, Ken Williams 55
2nd Place: Mike Clark, Howard Fisher, Ed Vyeda (Card off) 57
3rd Place: Tim Berg, Gary Sayre, Gil Stiles (Card off) 57
4th Place: Alan Andreason, Ross Brownlie, Rex Gentry, Mike Hill 57