



OFFICE NOTES

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This issue of "Thru the Green" represents a milestone. Published monthly since 1932, it is now bimonthly, expanding and enhancing the association. I really look forward to the new format.

The membership renewal process has been a challenge this year. Most of you have taken it in stride. That is a superintendent's best asset! Some members have returned the membership questionnaire with changes to Classifications. While we are happy you are upgrading and reclassifying, we need to have a formal signed application to make the change. You may have contacted GCSAA but you need to tell GCSANC too! Applications have been mailed to those members indicating a change. Please take a moment to fill it out and return to the office. NO MONEY is due for membership changes. If you would like those changes made before directory publishing (April), please fax them to the office ASAP. The deadline is March 10.

Hope all of you are planning to attend the May 2003 California Golf Course Superintendents Association Annual Meeting and Golf Tournament in Monterey. It has been along time since the meeting was held in the Northern part of the state so take advantage of this opportunity. A great education program and great golf course. And a great opportunity to meet "southern" superintendents & families.

Congratulations to all those players at Hilton Head Island. The golf results have California well represented, particularly the North Bay. Congratulations to Mike Clark, CGCS, Howard Fisher, CGCS and John Grant who must have enjoyed the course & the scenery! All the scores are posted in the GCSAA web site www.gcsaa.org "Atlanta 2003 Tournament Results". Some pretty "close encounters" were experienced by lots of NorCal golfers.

On a sad note, we all offer our sympathy to the families of Sam Singh, CGCS and James Donohue. Both longtime members who passed away this year.

Sam joined GCSANC in October of 1963. From Peachtree Golf & CC to Hawaii, Placerville, El Dorado County, Sacramento, Rohnert Park to Tilden Park.

James served as Director of Parks for the city of San Fernando from 1951 to 1957 and retired as Director of Recreation for the City of Salinas in 1984.

NorCal Elects 2003 Board of Directors

The GCSANC held its Annual Meeting on January 13 at The Course at Wente Vineyards in Livermore. The new President for 2003 is Bob Lopic of Orinda CC, Vice-President is Pat Finlen, CGCS of The Olympic Club, and Secretary-Treasurer is Vince Keats of Napa Valley CC. The new GCSANC Directors are Mike Hill of Moffett Field GC and Terry Grasso of Sequoyah CC. The new Affiliate Representative is Greg Fernald of Target Specialty Products. In addition, a Bylaw change was passed increasing the Class A and B annual dues to \$125.

The Annual Meeting provided the GCSANC a forum to recognize its Past-Presidents, 25-year members, and those receiving GCSAA Certification in 2002. The 25-year members recognized at Wente were Frank Barberio, Robert Duhr, Rich Lavine, CGCS, Philip Laret, Gale Love, Roger Martinez, and Don Naumann. They were given a beautiful GCSANC 25-year pin. The Past Presidents were recognized and given an embroidered GCSANC Past-President pocket crest to adorn a blazer. Also recognized were Jessie Crenca, CGCS; Steve Fackler, CGCS; Bruce Olsen, CGCS; and Roger Robarge, CGCS; for their achievement in attaining GCSAA Certification in 2002.

The association also gave out its annual awards. Winning the George Santana Distinguished Service award was Jim Ross, retired from Santa Teresa GC. Superintendent of the Year went to Ken Williams, CGCS of Stanford University GC. Affiliate of the Year was given to Andy Slack of Spot Water Management. Turfgrass Excellence in the Private category was Lou Tonelli of Lake Merced Golf & CC and Brad Langley of San Juan Oaks Golf Club in the Public category. Congratulations!

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