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NAUMANN'S NORCAL NEWS

Roger Robarge, CGCS is leaving the California Golf Club of San Francisco to become the Superintendent at the Valley Club of Montecito near Santa Barbara.....**Joel Ahern** has left San Jose Country Club. He is being replaced by former SJCC employee **Jason Green**. Jason was most recently at Los Altos Golf & CC.....

Gary Skolnik has left his position as Director of Golf Maintenance at Fountaingrove CC. **Andrew Trinkino** is remaining as the Superintendent.

Mike Garvale, CGCS at Palo Alto Hills CC is finally enjoying life in his new maintenance facility. The old shop has been destroyed and in its place lies a new state-of-the-art building.....**Nick Checklenis** has recently completed rebuilding the majority of the golf course, including irrigation at Silver Creek Valley CC in San Jose.

Manny Sousa of Poppy Hills GC suffered a major heart attack on Feb. 1st, just prior to the AT&T tournament. At last report he was going to be OK but was at home resting. *We wish him all the best including a speedy and full recovery.....*



MIKE CLARK & KODI

GCSANC Member Mike Clark, at Oakmont Golf Club (Santa Rosa, CA) does not start his day at work without his companion "Kodi" close by.

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GCSANC Announces Award Winners

By Emmy Moore Minister

The **GCSANC Turfgrass Excellence Award** was presented to two individuals exceptional in their field. In the Private category the Turfgrass Excellence Award was bestowed upon **Lou Tonelli** of Lake Merced Golf & Country Club. During Tonelli's 37-year tenure at his club, he has established a premier venue, one that adds to the positive golf experience of club members and their guests. Tonelli's overall expertise is evidenced by the fact that he is a two-time winner of the GCSANC Turfgrass Excellence Award. The first time was in 1991. Tonelli has utilized current technology to efficiently enhance the condition of his course. He has also developed a strong and loyal staff, and has served as a mentor to many in the profession.

Receiving the **Turfgrass Excellence Award** in the Public category, is **Brad Langley**, Golf Course Superintendent at San Juan Oaks Golf Club. According to the GCSANC Awards Committee, Langley has consistently maintained his course to the highest standard. He has instituted a successful Poa annua eradication program, while maintaining the facility in an environmental friendly manner. Prior to his eight-year tenure at San Juan Oaks GC, Langley was an Assistant Superintendent at the California Club. Langley enjoys giving back to the Association through serving as host superintendent for GCSANC tournaments.

The **GCSANC Affiliate Merit Award** was bestowed on **Andy Slack** of Spot Water Management. Slack is President of Spot Water Management, a company that provides service to central irrigation systems and specializes in water management and irrigation efficiency for golf courses. Slack received this award for his numerous contributions to the Association. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Association, has chaired the Scholarship & Research Tournament, served on the Superintendent's Institute Committee and chairs the GCSANC Sponsorship Committee.



The Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California Membership

UPGRADES

Chris Dubas	<i>Santa Teresa Golf Club</i>	Class B to A
Robert Rafferty	<i>The Olympic Club</i>	B to A
Donald Paul	<i>Los Lagos G.C.</i>	C to B
James Mannion	<i>Lincoln G.C.</i>	A to A Retired
Thomas Nowak	<i>City of Stockton</i>	A to A Retired
Frank Hicks	<i>Associates Tagline</i>	Affiliate-to-Affiliate Retired

NEW MEMBERS

Thomas Neadeau	<i>Northstar at Tahoe</i>	A
Matthew Schwartz	<i>Peninsula Golf & C.C.</i>	NCGA Intern Assoc.
Terry Brown	<i>Sportsturf Irrigation</i>	Affiliate
Gary Luiz	<i>Bark & Stone World, Inc.</i>	Affiliate