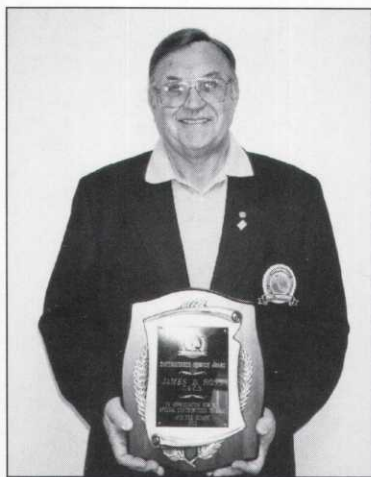


James D. Ross

San Jose Superintendent bids Farewell after nearly 50 years



James D. Ross accepts the coveted GCSANC Distinguished Service Award in appreciation for his special contribution to Golf and the GCSANC.

James "Jim" D. Ross, GCSAA golf course superintendent at Santa Teresa Golf Club, San Jose, CA., has announced his retirement after 47 years in the golf-course management industry. He has been a member with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) since 1963.

Ross, who has also been a member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California (GCSANC) since 1965, began his industry career at Fort Washington Golf and Country Club in Fresno, CA., in 1956. He spent two years working for Roy King on the course and one year in the shop working for pro Art Melville.

He moved to Salinas, CA, in 1959 to help build Corral de Tierra Country Club, working closely with Buck and Obie Noonkester.

Ross landed his first position as superintendent in 1963 at La Rinconada Country Club, Los Gatos, CA., and in 1967 he supervised the construction of The Villages Golf and Country Club, San Jose, CA., where he remained for 14 years. Ross was hired at Santa Teresa Golf Club in 1981 serving as head golf course superintendent and was later promoted to design & construction superintendent. During his tenure at Santa Teresa Golf Club he designed and constructed 18 new greens and also supervised the construction of a new par-3 course at the facility.

"Jim has been instrumental in the mentoring and training of others within the turfgrass industry, many of whom have also chose to serve in the profession as golf course superintendents,"

...said Robert A. Lopic, GCSANC president. "Through his love and true passion for the game of golf, his hard work and dedication serve as a fine example to others in the industry."

Ross has been involved with the California Golf Course Superintendents Association, serving on its Board of Directors and holding office as Treasurer from 1984-86.

Throughout the years, he has been a voting delegate to the national association and has generously given of his time as a speaker at several GCSAA education seminars. He has served on the national nominating, tournaments, research and communication committees.

Ross served as president of the GCSANC in 1973 and 1981. Because of his love for the game, he helped found the GCSANC Superintendent-Professional Golf Tournament, an event where he and his team partner twice-claimed first place honors. He has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the 2002 George Santana Distinguished Service Award, the 1985 Excellence in Turfgrass Management Award and the 1982 Superintendent of the Year Award.

Because of his twelve years of dedicated service on the Landscape Advisory Committee for the Santa Clara Valley Water District, Ross was recently bestowed a plaque of appreciation for his efforts in aiding the district in effective decision-making with regards to landscape and water use.

Jim and his wife Barbara are currently enjoying their retirement in a community called Yosemite Lakes Park in Coarsegold, CA., where they have a couple of acres and plenty of time to play golf. When recently asked about his long career in the turfgrass industry, Ross responded, "Golf has been my life, and I have loved every minute of it."

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