

**GCSANC**  
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**Take part in the Chapter Idea Fair in San Diego**

GCSAA-affiliated chapters have the opportunity to submit entries in the Second Annual Chapter Idea Fair (<http://www.golfcourseshow.com/2004confer/ed/chapterideafair.asp>) This event debuted at the Conference and Show in Atlanta, and provides an opportunity for chapters to share their innovative ideas and showcase their best practices. Chapters are invited to submit poster, easel or storyboard displays. Categories will include: community involvement, education programs, environment, fund raising activities, government relations, media/public relations, membership programs, research and miscellaneous.

To request an entry form or more information about the Idea Fair, contact the GCSAA Service Center at (800) 472-7878, or enter online at [http://www.golfcourseshow.com/2004confer/ed/ideafair\\_form.asp](http://www.golfcourseshow.com/2004confer/ed/ideafair_form.asp)

**GCSAA San Diego Conference and Show**  
**CalPoly Alumni "GATHERING"**  
**at Dick's Last Resort**

Calling all Cal Poly alumni. If you want to remain in contact with your fellow turfgrass associates contact:

**Thomas Bastis** [tbastis@msn.com](mailto:tbastis@msn.com) or **650.246.1869** to have yourself included in the alumni database.

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**President Bob Lopic Passes The Torch To Pat Finlen Jan. 2004**



All of us at the GCSANC appreciate Bob Lopic as a mentor and leader in the turf industry. His leadership and keen sensibility have been of great benefit to the association during his short term as president.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Bob Lopic, CGCS**  
Orinda Country Club

I take this opportunity to thank all of you. You've made my year as your President an honor and a pleasure.

I don't have enough space to tell you what Barbara Mikel means to this association. She helps in every facet of our organization and has been there for me at every turn. It has been a pleasure to work with someone with such integrity and professionalism.

Because P.J. Spellman, Andy Slack and Jim Irvine will not be on the Board next year, I want you all to know that these men worked tirelessly to produce great meetings throughout the year. They will definitely be missed, but the standards they set for us this year will continue to improve our association in the future.

Thank you Jeff Shafer, Pat Finlen, Vince Keats, Mike Hill, Terry Grasso and Greg Fernald for your guidance, patience, and commitment throughout the year. Our association is stronger by your efforts.

Emmy Moore-Minister, Tricia Hill, and Ken Williams are the people responsible for our much-improved Newsletter and image to the industry. We look good because of the light your talent shines on all of us. Thank you.

The long range planning and attention to environmental issues by Jim Husting, George Steffes, Gary Carls and Bob Costa is one of the most important works in progress that will keep our association, community and industry healthy. Thanks for doing the tough behind the scenes work.

Finally, to all those who hosted and sponsored an event this year, I will always appreciate what you have done.

I hope that you will all come to the Annual Meeting, January 26th at the Orinda CC to share in a celebration of the year past and participate in our future.