

GCSANC News

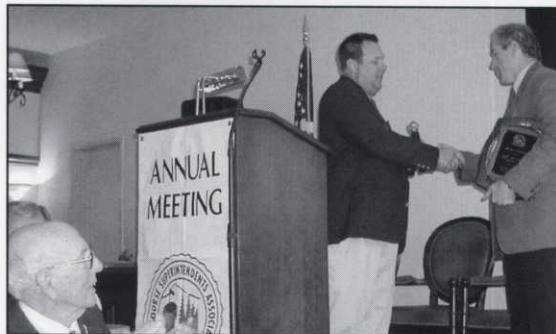
GCSANC Elects Officers

By Ken Williams, CGCS

The GCSANC recently elected its 2004 Officers and Board of Directors at their Annual Meeting at Orinda Country Club. Elected President was Pat Finlen, CGCS of The Olympic Club. Elected Vice-President was Vince Keats of Napa Valley CC. Elected Secretary-Treasurer was Michael Hill, of Moffett Field GC. Bob Lopic of Orinda CC stays on, serving as the immediate Past-President.

Elected to two-year Director terms were Jason Green of San Jose CC and Gill Stiles of Santa Rosa Golf and CC. Appointed to a one-year Director's term was Chris Dubas of Santa Teresa Golf Club. Terry Grasso of Sequoyah CC remains on the Board, serving the second year of his two-year term.

The Affiliates also elected a new Board Representative. Len Tallow of Lawson Products was elected to fill the spot vacated by the departure of Andy Slack. Andy spent three years on the board. Greg Fernald of Target Specialty Products remains on the board, serving the second year of his two-year term.



Pat Finlen of the Olympic Club kindly thanks Jeff Shafer for being honored as the GCSANC Golf Course Superintendent of the Year.



Pat Finlen and staff wave hello from the Olympic Club.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Pat Finlen, CGCS
Olympic Club

Thank you for the honor of serving your association as President for the coming year. There will be many issues to discuss and resolve during this year.

I, along with the rest of the Board of Directors, will do our best to run the association in a professional manner, displaying integrity and respect for all of our members.

While we all face many challenges with our jobs, it is comforting to know that we have an outstanding association there to serve us. The GCSANC has benefited its members for many years in a variety of outstanding ways. We have many talented members of the association who have a wealth of knowledge on many issues who have shared their experiences and thoughts. Whether it is golf during a monthly meeting or one of the educational sessions offered by the association throughout the year, the opportunity is there for you to participate in whatever manner and level you choose. I have no doubt that at whatever level you participate within the association, you will be happy with what you get back.

With the rapid changes that have been made in our industry during the past ten years and the ever-changing economy, there is the need for long-term planning for our association. During this year, the Board of Directors, with the help of several Past Presidents, will meet to develop long-term goals for the association. It is my belief that these long-term goals will enable us to continue to be a fiscally responsive organization that offers as many educational and professional opportunities as possible for our members.

We have many wonderful affiliate members who sponsor our monthly events. Take the time to thank them for their participation and sponsorship. Without their help, much of what we are able to enjoy would not be available. Again, I invite you to participate and enjoy what your association has to offer. We welcome your comments (positive or negative), and I look forward to seeing each and every one of you during the year.

Pat