



AFFILIATE PROFILE

**Pete Bowman, CGCS**

**Employer:** UAP Professional Products

**Position:** Territory Manager

**Years in the Business:** 30

**Previous Employment:** Sierra Pacific Turf Supply; Diablo Grande, Patterson; Merced Hills GC, Merced; Micke Grove GC, Lodi; David L Baker GC, Fountain Valley; Heartwell GC, Long Beach; Brookside GC, Pasadena; San Luis Obispo CC, San Luis Obispo; Tilden Park GC, Berkeley and last but not least... Paperboy, Berkeley - 5 years.

**Education:** B.S. Ornamental Horticulture, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo-1985

**GCSANC Work or Interests:** However and wherever I can help.

**Other Organizations:** GCSAA Member 23 years. Served on several committees; Sierra Nevada GCSA-President 1995, Affiliate Rep. 3 years.; California GCSA-President 1995, Affiliate Rep 2 years.

**Family:** Married 26 years to wife Nina, whom I met while working at Tilden Park GC in Berkeley. Son Peter, 25, is in his third year of Dentistry at the University of West Virginia, and will be getting married in July. Daughter Sarah, 23, is a graduate of San Francisco State University. Son Michael, 17, is a high school junior.

**Outside Interests:** Little League and High School Baseball Umpire; golf; snow skiing; jumping off really high rocks (as long as there is water below!)

**Favorite Vacation:** Visiting in-laws in southern New Hampshire during October Fall color.

**Favorite Course:** To Work On - Tilden Park GC; To Play - Bandon Dunes/Pacific Dunes

**Course You'd Like to Visit:** St. Andrews

**Strangest Thing You've Witnessed On The Golf Course:** Me getting chased out of - and then back into - and finally back out of the maintenance shop at Tilden Park GC by a skunk about 25 years ago. Smelling like a skunk, I mowed greens anyway. My wife, who wasn't my wife back then, wouldn't let me in the restaurant to get a cup of coffee. I married her anyway.

**Worst Comment From a Golfer:** A golfer on the driving range at Tilden Park GC was unintentionally slicing nearly every shot dead right over the netting into the maintenance yard. When asked by his romance novel reading girlfriend why they keep going over that fence, his reply: "That's how you know how good a golfer is...when he can hit 'em out of the ballpark like that." She believed him, thinking he must be really good!

**What You'd Be Doing If You Weren't Involved With UAP:** Umpiring baseball as far as I could go with it. If that didn't pay the bills, then I'd probably grow grass again somewhere.

## Special Recognition for GCSANC Award Winners

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California (GCSANC) recognized five of its members for their contributions within the turfcare industry. Chapter President and Master of Ceremonies Gill Stiles presented the awards at the GCSANC Annual Meeting held January 22, 2007, at Santa Rosa Golf & Country Club. Nearly 100 association members and turfcare industry representatives were in attendance at the meeting and awards ceremony.



The **Superintendent of the Year Award** was presented to Golf Course Superintendent **Brian Netz, CGCS**, from **The Presidio Golf Course** (San Francisco, CA) for his contributions to the association. Netz serves as vice president for the GCSANC and is a member of its Education Committee and Strategic Planning Committee. He has been a supporter of the nationally recognized GCSANC Ball Mark Repair Tool Program, promoted in conjunction with Play Golf America and its player development initiatives.

"I enjoy being involved with our association, especially with programs and initiatives that help our members," said top honoree Brian Netz. "I never imagined I'd receive an award for my service to the association. I'm humbled by the honor, and amazed by it all...I really am."

Prior to The Presidio, Netz was a golf course superintendent at the 36-hole Bayonet/Blackhorse Golf Course (Seaside, CA). His turfcare experience also includes assistant superintendent positions at Richmond Country (Richmond, CA), Somerset Country Club (St. Paul, MN) and Wakonda Club (Des Moines, IA). Through the assistance of a Trans-Mississippi Golf Association Scholarship, Netz earned a degree in Turfgrass Management from the University of Minnesota. He also holds the distinction as a Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS) from the GCSAA.

"Brian Netz, CGCS is a tremendous individual who cares

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about the association and its members,” states GCSANC Awards Chairman Vince Keats, CGCS, “and is quite deserving of this highest honor, the Superintendent of the Year Award.”

In support of this honor, Netz was recognized by the California Golf Writers Association at an awards banquet on February 6, 2007 at The Inn at Spanish Bay (Pebble Beach, CA), held in conjunction with the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

The **GCSANC Turfgrass Excellence Award** is presented to two individuals for their high level of achievement in upholding standards in the area of turfgrass maintenance. The criteria for this award consider: overall course condition, environmental factors, rounds of play and maintenance budget.

The recipient for the GCSANC Turfgrass Excellence Award in the Public Category is Kevin Pryseski, CGCS, who received the award for his superior level of professional maintenance and conditioning at StoneTree Golf Club (Novato, CA.), a bay area course where he served as golf course superintendent from 2000 through October 2006.

Now serving in a similar position at Marin Country Club, Pryseski came to the GCSANC from the state of Maryland where he was employed as a golf course superintendent since 1980. It was there, he garnered talent and credentials in the construction, renovation and administration of intensively maintained and highly regarded courses. His previous experience includes assignments at Cattail Creek Country Club (Glenwood, MD), Sparrow Point Country Club (Baltimore, MD), and Pine Ridge Golf Course (Lutherville, MD). A GCSAA Certified Golf Course Superintendent, Pryseski has a B.S. in Biology from Towson University.

In the Private Category, the Turfgrass Excellence Award was presented to Thomas Bastis, CGCS, of the California Golf Club of San Francisco (South San Francisco, CA) where he currently serves as golf course superintendent.

Prior to the California Golf Club, Bastis served as golf course superintendent at Moraga Country Club and assistant superintendent at Sharon Heights Golf & Country Club (Menlo Park, CA). An alumnus of California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo, Bastis continues to attend educational seminars that expand his knowledge on subjects relating to course maintenance. He also holds the distinction as Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS) from the GCSAA. Later this spring, Bastis will oversee a historically minded restoration project at the California GC, working closely with design experts from Kyle Phillips Golf Course Design.

Bastis just completed his second year on the GCSANC Board of Directors and was reelected at the annual meeting to serve a second term. He has served on the Scholarship, Research and Strategic Planning Committees for the association. With his help the GCSANC Research Committee has made over \$6,800 in donations to aid research efforts in turfgrass disease prevention and treatment programs under the auspices of the Northern California Golf Association (NCGA) and U.C. Riverside Research Programs.

He has been involved with the Scholarship and Strategic Planning Committees, and the GCSANC Research Committee (chaired by Bastis), has made significant donations to aid research efforts addressing turfgrass disease prevention and treatment programs under the auspices of the NCGA and the U.C. Riverside Turfgrass Research Programs.

Jim Husting, CGCS, is the recipient of the George Santana Distinguished Service Award presented for his long-standing commitment to the GCSANC and the turfcare industry. A Certified Golf Course Superintendent at Woodbridge Golf & Country Club (Woodbridge, CA) where he's worked since 1987, Husting has been instrumental in tracking legislation that impacts the golf industry. He is past president of the CGCSA and a former recipient of the GCSAA Excellence in Government Relations Award. Husting is a founding member of the California Alliance for Golf (CAG), an organization that serves as a liaison to governmental agencies, promoting the economic and positive environmental contributions demonstrated by the California golf industry. Husting holds a degree in Ornamental Horticulture from California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo and a B.A. in Latin American Studies from Kent State University (Kent, OH).

John Holmquist, Horizon Turf California Golf Project Coordinator, is recipient of the GCSANC Affiliate Merit Award, an honor he also received in 1997, for his contributions to the association. A resident of Vacaville, CA, Holmquist served on the GCSANC board of directors in 1996-97 and 2005-06. He has been a loyal supporter of the GCSANC Ball Mark Repair Tool Program promoted in conjunction with Play Golf America and its player development initiatives. Holmquist has been involved with the GCSANC Scholarship Research Tournament that has raised more than \$9,000 for turfgrass scholastic awards for worthy candidates and industry research programs.

For 12 years collectively, Holmquist has worked with Horizon as a professional supplier to the green industry. He continues to provide exceptional service to his clients in the areas of irrigation, chemical, seed, erosion control and drainage. “Horizon recognizes the importance of supporting golf course superintendents at the local level, which in turn, allows me to be involved with programs that benefit GCSANC members and our affiliates,” said award recipient Holmquist. “To receive this coveted award for a second time during my career, is an honor I will cherish for years to come.”