

## 2008 GCSANC Annual Meeting at San Jose Country Club



The 2008 GCSANC Annual Meeting was a success with nearly 100 superintendents, affiliate members and special guests in attendance at San Jose Country Club. During the morning meeting, Host Superintendent and Chapter President Jason Green made sure guests were comfortable while a series of informative reports were presented. Chapter Officers Brian Netz, CGCS and Chris Mains gave annual reports as well as an update by Association Manager Barbara Mikel.

Mike Souza of Richmond Country Club was elected to the GCSANC Board of Directors and Glenn Matthews from the Course at Wente Vineyards was soon named as a presidential appointee to the board.

The meeting theme was one of appreciation and acknowledgement, with a series of awards being presented by President Jason Green and fellow director Steve Byrne. Video images of the honorees graced the screen thanks to the help of Newsletter Editor Ken Williams, CGCS and Publisher Man-Yin Tang.

GCSANC members/award recipients recognized for their contributions to golf and community included: Gill Stiles of Santa Rosa Golf & Country Club -

*Superintendent of the Year*, Mike McCullough of the Northern California Golf Association (NCGA) - *President's Award*, Dave Davies, CGCS of Stonebrae Country Club - *Turfgrass Excellence-Private*, Mike Vickers of Dublin Ranch Golf Club - *Turfgrass Excellence-Public*, Pete Bowman, CGCS of UAP Professional Products- *Affiliate of the Year Award* and Ken Williams, CGCS of Stanford University Golf Course - *George Santana Distinguished Service Award*. As part of the awards ceremony, each honoree received a beautiful plaque. In addition, the room was lined with more than 50 feet of photos and memorabilia that featured the honorees throughout the year.

Also recognized by President Green were the 2007 host superintendents, with added thanks to the affiliate members who supported the events with time and resources. President Green also made sure to thank the family of sponsors supporting the day's golf tournament at San Jose Country Club which included: Turf Drainage of America, Dave Steele; Stabilizer Solutions, Inc., Peter Herrera; Grigg Brothers, Brad Snively; West Coast Sand & Gravel, Joe Kurung; and Sierra Pacific Turf Supply, Don Naumann.

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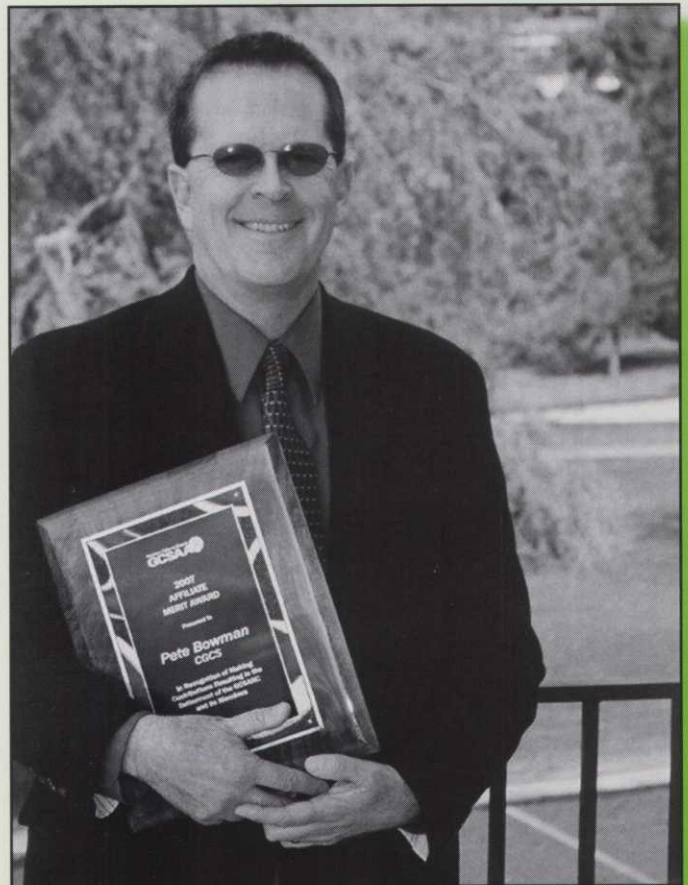
On behalf of the Association, President Green extended appreciation for the work and commitment of Association Manager Barbara Mikel and Communications Consultant Emmy Moore Minister. Past President Brian Bagley was duly recognized for overseeing the successful 75th Anniversary celebration held a few months prior at the historic Sequoyah Country Club. Past President Dave Davies, CGCS was also under the spotlight, when he was presented a 25-year membership pin. Incoming President Brian Netzt, CGCS addressed the membership about his vision for the coming year, and hailed great appreciation to outgoing President Jason Green for his energy and dedicated service to the association.

Providing an informative report from the national GCSAA was Director Pat Finlen, CGCS while Gill Stiles provided a California GCSA update. During the awards ceremony the GCSANC named its newest honorary member, golf legend Ken Venturi. Accepting the commendation on his behalf was Associate Member Emmy Moore Minister, who read a personal letter of appreciation from the distinguished honoree. A nearby table displayed images of Venturi - from the cover of Sports Illustrated (after winning the 1964 U.S. Championship) to photos from his stellar days CBS Sports commentator. The table also graced a book highlighting his life, *Getting Up and Down: My 60 Years in Golf* (co-authored by Mike Arkush) as well as a copy of a recent bestseller *The Match* (written by Mark Frost) that features amateurs Venturi and Ward matched against all time greats Nelson and Hogan.

The educational component for the day emerged when Motivational Speaker Ed Brodow shared techniques on "how to successfully negotiate" found in his latest book *Negotiation Boot Camp: How to Resolve Conflict, Satisfy Customers and Make Better Deals*. After his invigorating presentation, Brodow took time to autograph copies of his book for association members.

Adding to the fun of the day was a Stay & Play Golf Weekend Giveaway courtesy of Golf Course Superintendent Matt Hoyt of Sevillano Links, the new John Daly Signature Course at Rolling Hills Casino in Corning. Contest winner was Pat Finlen, CGCS of the Olympic Club.

Prior to the afternoon golf tournament, a scrumptious lunch was provided by the chef and his staff, thus, all leaving with appetites well satisfied. Prior to departure everyone was given a copy of *Golf Yellow Pages*, the premier golf industry directory supplied by Publisher David Wogahn.



Affiliate Member of the Year Pete Bowman, CGCS