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Jon Christenson has left Santa Clara Golf and Tennis Club to become the superintendent at Monarch Bay Golf Links in San Leandro. Both facilities are run by American Golf. He is replacing **Bill Hansen** who has moved on. The new superintendent at Santa Clara is Jon's old assistant, **Scott Brobeck**.

Scott had been the assistant there for three years. Jon also recently received the "Superintendent of the Year" award from the Iowa Superintendents Association, where he was a superintendent and general manager until his move here last spring.....**Mike Garvale, CGCS** has left Harding Park Golf Course as the Agronomist to become the new superintendent at Callippe Preserve Golf Course in Pleasanton. He is replacing **Cord Ozment, CGCS** who is now the superintendent of grounds for Chapel of the Chimes cemetery in Hayward.....**Jim Abate** is the new senior agronomist at Harding Park GC. Jim was the senior assistant at TPC Sawgrass prior to his move. Harding Park is the site of this year's Charles Schwab Cup, the premier season ending event on the Champions Tour.....**Vince Keats, CGCS** has left his superintendent position at Shadow Lakes and Deer Ridge Golf Course to pursue a different career. He is being replaced by his assistant **Pepe Flores**.....**Adam Waring** has left Bodega Bay GL. He is being replaced by **Fernando Villagran**. Fernando had been a foreman at DHR Construction prior to his move.....

This year 3 Northern Californians found themselves amongst nine national finalists for TurfNet's *Superintendent of the Year Award* presented by Syngenta. I was joined by good company, with fellow co-finalists **Doug Ayres** (Corral de Tierra CC) and SN Chapter member **Scott Bower** (Martis Camp). Also in conjunction with the GIS, GCSANC Member **Ted Horton, CGCS**, was presented the *NGCOA Champions Award* for his work with the California Alliance for Golf and GCSANC Honorary Member **Ken Venturi** was presented the *NGCOA Lifetime Achievement Award*.

Yes, still more awards surrounding GCSANC. **Gary Ingram, CGCS** (Metropolitan GL) received the *Superintendent of the Year Award* and our communications consultant **Emmy Moore Minister** was presented the *Golf Media Person of the Year Award* by the California Golf Writers & Broadcasters Association. Getting the good word out about our association and its members has always been Emmy's goal, and hopefully we can keep her busy this year as we continue to chart new territory and success throughout our chapter.

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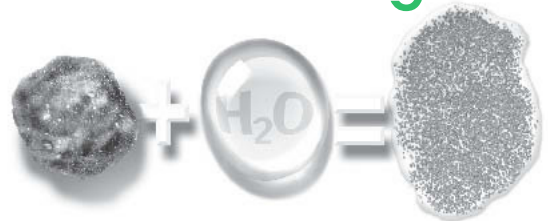
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