

Terry Stratton
Little River Inn Golf & Tennis,
Little River

The Presidents Award: *This special honor is bestowed upon an individual who has exemplified excellence and serves as a role model for others within the association.*

About our Honoree: GCSANC Member Terry Stratton from Little River Inn Golf & Tennis Resort (LRIG&T) is a dedicated golf course superintendent who has demonstrated exceptional performance in the area of environmental

stewardship.

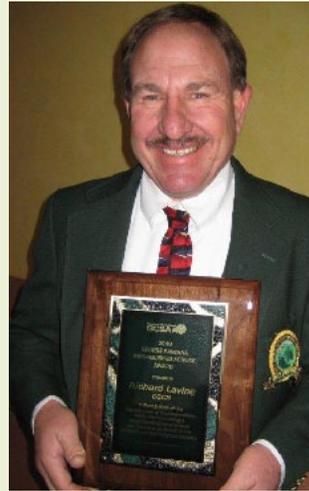
Career Highlights: Terry's career includes previous work assignments at bay area facilities including Contra Costa CC, Diablo Creek GC and Tilden Park GC. In 1997, after several years as a landscaper and hydroseeder, he accepted a perfection position as golf course superintendent at LRIG&T.

Education: He is a graduate from California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo (1980) earning a degree in Agricultural Business Management.

A Water and Energy Saver: Terry has been able to avoid using ground water when irrigating, as the golf course captures winter rains in reservoirs (with siphons and gravity) moving irrigation water between reservoirs, and with no need for electricity. He has also significantly reduced the use of pesticides and is constantly seeking ways to improve habitat for wildlife.

Committed to the Cause: Terry has obtained certification as an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary site and encourages his peers to do the same. He participates in the Green Golfer Pledge program too. Terry takes great pride in educating golfers and local residents on the benefits of reusing, reducing and recycling, and does so through a local newsletter, on-site signage, sustainability day tours, and community meetings.

Environmental Leader: Terry is a multiple recipient of the GCSAA-Golf Digest Environmental Leaders in Golf Award. In 2009 he was selected as the national resort and overall winner of the Environmental Leaders in Golf Award.



Richard "Rich" Lavine, CGCS
San Rafael

George Santana Distinguished Service Award:

This honor is presented to a dedicated chapter member, for their long-standing commitment to the GCSANC and the turf care industry.

Career Highlights: Throughout his 33 years as a respected golf course superintendent, Rich Lavine has overseen golf course maintenance operations at public, private and resort facilities including tenure at Spyglass Hill, Castlewood CC, Marin CC, Meadowood Resort, Peacock Gap G&CC and Foxtail GC. He has hosted four PGA TOUR events, numerous USGA qualifying events and plenty of NCGA tournaments, too. Because of his professional acumen, strong mentoring skills and his overall dedicated service to the association, in 1996 he was named GCSANC Golf Course Superintendent of the Year.

Education: Rich has an A.A. degree in Ornamental Horticulture from Fullerton College and a B.S. degree in Park Administration from California State Polytechnic, Pomona.

Association Involvement: A certified golf course superintendent, Rich has served on the chapter's board of directors and was elected president in 1995. During his three-plus decades with the GCSANC he has served on various committees and was a chapter delegate to National. He has also served on the CGCSA board of directors where he assisted with annual conferences and member events and provided sage support to the By-Laws committee. Rich has served on national committees too, and was a Subject Matter Expert in the rewriting of the current certification exam. He's also played an integral role on the GCSAA web site committee.

Industry & Community Involvement: Rich has served on the board of directors for the Northern California Turfgrass Council and also on the Parks & Recreation Commission for the Marinwood Community Services District.

