



Thomas Bastis, CGCS *California Golf Club of San Francisco*

The Golf Course Superintendent of the Year Award: *This coveted honor is presented to a GCSANC member who has made contributions for the betterment of the association, its members and the overall profession.*

Career Highlights: Prior to the California Golf Club Thomas served as course superintendent at Moraga CC and assistant superintendent at Sharon Heights G&CC. Earlier in his career he apprenticed at the Four Seasons Resort Aviara plus held stints at Spyglass Hill GC and Del Mar CC.

Thomas also holds the respected distinction as a certified golf course superintendent.

Education: He is an alumnus of California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, where he earned a B.S. Degree in Ornamental Horticulture. (1995)

On Course: It was just a few years ago that Thomas completed an impressive, historically-minded restoration project at the California Golf Club, working closely with Kyle Phillips Golf Course Design. The course continues to receive rave reviews for members and their guests.

Giving Back: When he isn't busy overseeing the course maintenance responsibilities at his own club, Thomas manages to donate equipment and volunteer his time at Gleneagles, a public 9-hole course that serves as a breeding ground for new golfers. Thanks in great part to the help of Thomas and his friends, Gleneagles has "found new life" and well-evidenced by all new greens.

When the word hit the street that Sharp Park GC (in Pacifica) was in fear of shutdown by over-zealous environmentalist, Thomas stepped up to offer his support. Today, he still continues to meet with golf leaders from surrounding courses and allied associations in an effort to secure solutions that will protect the future of golf in California.

Association Involvement: In addition to his recent leadership role as GCSANC president, Thomas has served on the Scholarship, Research, Web Site, Finance and Strategic Planning Committees. He has also helped lead the force in creating an online platform for superintendents to sell or exchange used equipment and surplus products.

Going the Distance: While Thomas is known for taking on amazing competitive quests (which include trail running, biking, kayaking and adventure racing) he applies the same commitment, endurance, and passion towards his profession, too. Regardless of the task, he's always determined to take on a "new challenge" especially if it's for the betterment of his club, the Nor Cal GC-SAA Chapter and/or its members.



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