

THRU THE GREEN

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The Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California
— Committed to Responsible Turfgrass Management —

Swint Proclaims Year of the Committee at Annual Meeting

Newly elected President, Blake Swint, Castlewood Country Club proclaimed, "This is the year of the Committee," in his comments to the membership at the recent Annual Meeting at Rossmoor Golf Course. Swint asked the group for their support and urged greater involvement by the members in future Association activities.

Swint was elected President of the GCSANC at the Annual Meeting on April 14th. Joining him as GCSANC officers are Vice President, Dave Davies, CGCS and Secretary-Treasurer, Gary Carls, CGCS. Elected to Director positions were incumbents Forrest Arthur and Bob Costa, CGCS. Appointed to the Board as a Director was Mike Nunemacher who will fill the remainder of one year term of past Director, Gary Carls. The affiliates, in a separate election, chose Jim Karrick as their Board Representative. He will serve along with John Holmquist, who is entering the second year of his two year term.



Newly elected 1997-1998 GCSANC Board of Directors. Pictured left to right: Blake Swint, President; Forrest Arthur, Director; Bob Costa, CGCS, Director; Dave Davies, CGCS, Vice-President; Mike Nunemacher, Director; Gary Carls, CGCS, Secretary-Treasurer; John Holmquist, Affiliate Representative; Jim Karrick, Affiliate Representative; Wayne Lindeloff, CGCS, Director

Following the Elections Scholarships were awarded to six of this year's 14 recipients. Introduced to the membership were Kurtis Wolford, Roger Martinez, Robert Cadwell, Jefferey Sunseri, Jason Green and Ben Fish.

Rounding out the morning's agenda were the presentation of the Annual Awards. Randy Gai, CGCS presented plaques of recognition to Rich Lavine, CGCS - Superintendent of the Year, Tony Steers - Turfgrass Excellence, Clifford Wagoner, CGCS - Distinguished Service, and Mike Ligon - Affiliate Merit Award.

Mike Basile, Santa Clara Golf and Tennis, Meet The Challenge

Including Mike Basile and Santa Clara Golf and Tennis in the seminar program only seemed appropriate for this year's State meeting entitled, "Meeting Tomorrow's Challenges." Where else could one find so many examples of a superintendent and a golf course faced with so many challenges.

In fact, Basile and his story, will be the featured presentation at this year's seminar set for Sunday, May 18th at the Westin Hotel in Santa Clara. Their story is one I'm sure we all have some vague knowledge of, a golf course built on a landfill. What most of us don't know are the unique challenges this poses to Basile and his staff each day. Among some of the topics that will be

discussed are: the original design and construction, drainage, effluent irrigation and the recent greens re-construction.

Mike presently serves as a regional superintendent for American Golf Corp. and has held the position of Golf Course Superintendent at Santa Clara Golf and Tennis since 1991. The 1993 winner of the GCSANC Superintendent of the Year, began his career in San Luis Obispo, under Al Glaze, at San Luis Bay Inn. His involvement in the industry goes beyond managing golf courses. After serving as the President of the Central Chapter, he migrated north where he served for several years as a GCSANC Board Director.

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