

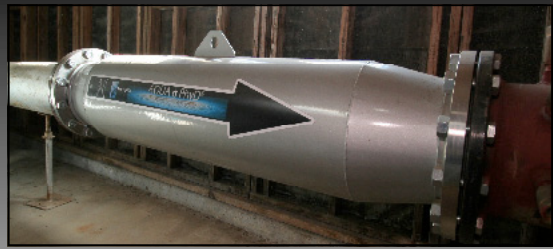
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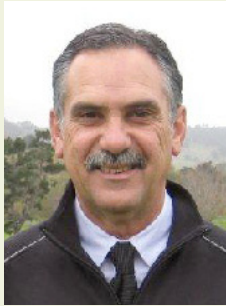


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ANNUAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

George Santana Distinguished Service



Robert "Bob" Costa, CGCS
Rancho Canada & Laguna Seca Golf Courses
Carmel & Monterey, CA

Career Highlights: Bob is founder and owner of Pacific Water Management and Pacific Golf Consultants. He is also vice president/director of golf course management at Rancho Canada GC and Laguna Seca GC, a former executive superintendent for Laguna Seca and Pajaro Valley GC (Royal Oaks, CA) and earlier in his career served as a greenskeeper at Morro Bay Golf Club.

Chapter Involvement: Bob has served on the board of directors and was president in 2000. He's chaired the Education, Institute, Awards, and Public Relations Committees, and served on the Budget Committee and the 65th and 75th Anniversary Committees. He is a former editor for Thru The Green newsletter, and his written work has appeared in Golf Course Management magazine, and in other respected publications like NCGA News, effectively communicating about the vital role of golf course superintendents.

National Involvement: Bob has served on GCSAA's Communications, Publications, Research, & Environmental Programs Committee, and chaired the Water Use Task Group.

Education: Bob has an A.S. Degree in Ornamental Horticulture from Foothill Community College and a B.S. Degree in Ornamental Horticulture from Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo. He also holds the distinction as Certified Golf Course Superintendent, is a Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor, a Certified Golf Course Auditor, Water Conservation Manager, and a Pest Control Advisor.

Bob's Management Style: Bob believes effective management begins with respecting, trusting and praising employees for a job well done. "I believe in communicating to my staff realistic expectations for performance," Costa shared, "allowing them freedom of choice yet with a level of accountability."

Community Involvement: Monterey Peninsula College instructor (1992-97), instructor, Green Gardener Program; instructor, PAPA; chair/instructor, Landscape Water Use Symposium; instructor, Landscape Irrigation Workshop Series; director, Seaside Basin Watermaster; board member, Water Awareness Committee of Monterey County; and was a founding member of the California Golf Economic Task Force.

Previous Honors: Bob holds repeat distinctions as GCSANC Superintendent of the Year, (1992 and 2001).

Bob's Thoughts on receiving this Award: "It is an honor to be recognized by my peers," shared Bob. "Without question, some of the best years in my professional career were those during my tenure on our chapter's board of directors."

Bert Graves Memorial Affiliate



Don Naumann
Sierra Pacific Turf Supply, Inc.
Campbell/Rocklin, CA & Sparks, NV

Career Highlights: Don Naumann is President and CEO of Sierra Pacific Turf Supply, Inc., a family-owned business he started in the early '80s, after his tenure with T&T Distributors. He is also the golf course superintendent at Blackberry Farm GC, a 9-hole municipal course in Cupertino, CA.

As for Don's company Sierra Pacific Turf Supply, it's customer service-oriented, with 35 employees and spanning 3 locations, providing turf maintenance products and services to golf courses and clubs, range facilities, school districts, municipalities, nurseries, landscapers, and vineyards, too. (In his "spare time" Don maintains a vineyard and bottles wine under his own private label, Naumann Vineyards).

Education: Don holds a degree in Ornamental Horticulture from Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo where he graduated with highest honors.

Chapter & Community Involvement: Don has served as an affiliate director for the GCSANC and State Chapter board. Over the years Don has dedicated his time on a variety of GCSANC committees including Scholarship & Research, Education, and The Institute. For more than a decade he's hosted "Last Chance" seminars which provide pesticide educational opportunities for others. He's served on the chapter's Tournament Committee and holds a long tenure on the GCSAA Tournament Committee.

Don is past president of the Independent Turf & Ornamental Distributors Association (ITODA), formed in 1990 to foster the trade and marketing of products for the turf and ornamental landscaping industries. And for more than twenty years, Don has been a contributing writer for the chapter's Thru The Green newsletter, with his ever-popular column Naumann's Nor Cal News.

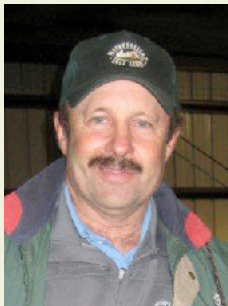
You Can Count on Him: Whether its sponsorship donations for a worthy chapter program, an advertisement in the newsletter, underwriting lunch or providing windbreakers for the maintenance crew during Presidents Cup week, Don is always willing to help. His company continues to support scholarship and research efforts and he is also a supporter of The Environmental Institute for Golf. Each year Don, his wife Becky, and staff, make a point to donate holiday packages to families in need.

Previous honors: This affiliate merit honor is a "trifecta" for Don, having received it twice prior (1979 & 1990). He's been named Man of the Year by DFL International Seeds and has received more than one service award from ITODA, plus numerous community service awards from the Harvest Food Bank.



ANNUAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

Golf Course Superintendent of the Year



Gary Ingram, CGCS
Metropolitan Golf Links
Oakland, CA

Career Highlights: Gary's career in the golf business started during high school working at the range, shop and outside services at Tilden Park GC (Berkeley, CA). In 1970 he shifted over to the course maintenance side and in 1975 was named superintendent. The late '70s brought him

to Claremont CC, and from 1980 to 1998 he worked at Moraga CC. Wanting to try something new, Gary even spent a few years as an industry sales rep.

In 2002 Gary joined the CourseCo management team at Metropolitan Golf Links, a public facility (owned by the City of Oakland) where he continues to serve as golf course superintendent for this links-style course which has been certified by Audubon International and is a partner in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program.

Education: Gary possesses a degree in Landscape Horticulture from Merritt College, General Engineer and Landscape Contractor Licenses, and is a Certified Irrigation Auditor. For 25 years he's held the coveted distinction as Certified Golf Course Superintendent.

Community Involvement: Gary gives back to his community in numerous ways. He has served on the Board of Directors for the Northern California Turf & Landscape Council. He is on the Board of Directors for Metro's Junior Golf Program and is a very active board member for the Oakland Turfgrass Educational Initiative, (OTEI) a program that introduces inter-city youth to career paths in turf, environmental sciences and golf course management. Gary has been involved with coaching and educational efforts with The First Tee of Oakland, served as golf coach for Castlemont High School and is past president and coach for the El Cerrito soccer and baseball programs.

Chapter Involvement: Gary has served on the GCSANC Education Committee and on the GCSAA Diversity Committee. Earlier in his career he served as an affiliate board member for the GCSANC.

Previous honors: Gary is an ELGA award winner on more than one occasion. He's earned CourseCo's Superintendent of the Year honors and continues to be recognized for his contributions to the Metropolitan Junior Golf Program and The First Tee of Oakland.

Gary's thoughts on receiving Golf Course Superintendent Award: "While we are often known for our work on the course, it is wonderful to receive an award that recognizes one's work within the community too" stated Ingram. "I especially enjoy helping inner-city youth by introducing them to new possibilities within our industry, and in ways that they can have a positive influence on the community and its neighboring environment."



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2009 ELGA WINNERS

Special congratulations are extended to national award winner **Jim Husting, CGCS** (Woodbridge G&CC), recent recipient of the Col. John Morley Distinguished Service Award and **Terry Stratton** (Little River Inn Golf & Tennis Resort) overall winner of the 2009 GCSAA/Golf Digest Environmental Leaders in Golf Award (ELGA).

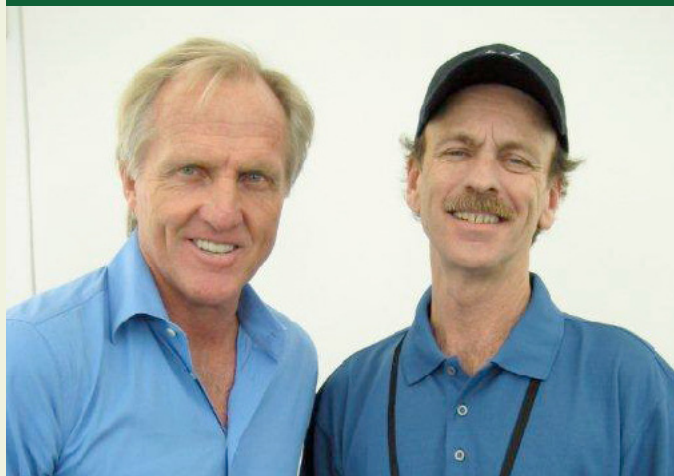
Chapter winners and merit winners include **Gary Ingram, CGCS** (Metropolitan Golf Links); **D. Cord Ozment, CGCS** (Callippe Preserve Golf Course); **Tim Powers, CGCS** (Crystal Springs Golf Course); **Dave Davies, CGCS** (TPC San Francisco Bay at Stonebrae) and 2009 ELGA merit winner **Todd Andreassen** (Deep Cliff Golf Course).

The Environmental Leaders in Golf Award recognizes golf course superintendents and their courses for overall course management excellence in the areas of resource conservation, water quality management, integrated pest management, wildlife/habitat management and education/outreach. In addition, these categories are judged on sustainability, criticality, originality and technology implementation/use.

Congratulations to all NorCal winners!



ABOVE: The Little River group (**Rachel Cail, Scott Cail, Darrel Lowe, Kellie Stratton and Terry Stratton**) at the awards presentation. BELOW: Greg Norman, Advisory Council Chair for the Environmental Institute for Golf congratulates **Terry Stratton** (Little River Inn Golf & Tennis Resort) at GIS.



GCSAA GIS SHOW



ABOVE: **Souza, Byers, Kaner, Young and Staples** enjoying the California Room at GIS.



An OTEI student joins **Gary Carls, CGCS**; Yamaha Rep. **Bryan Sterling**; Turfstar's **Len Gregory** and **Gary Ingram, CGCS**.

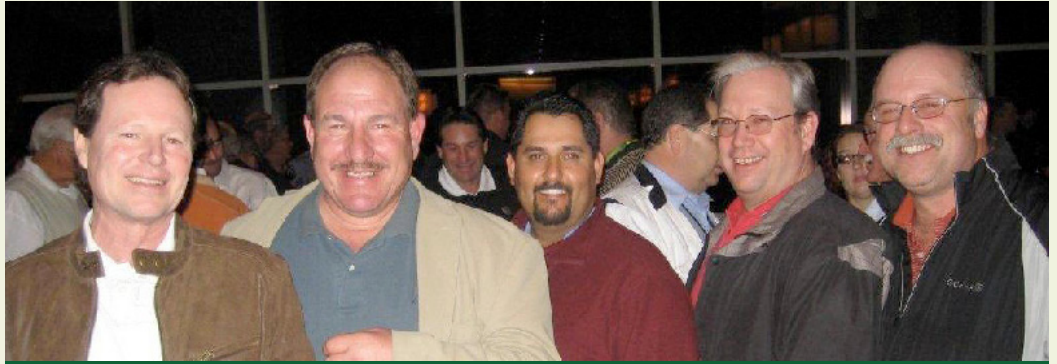


ABOVE: During the GIS, the Nor Cal Region had 3 finalists at the TurfNet Superintendent of the Year ceremony presented by Syngenta. Joining Syngenta Professional Products Rep. **Diana Nisbet** were runners-up (left to right) GCSANC President **Thomas Bastis, CGCS** (California Golf Club); **Scott Bower** (Martis Camp) and **Doug Ayres** (Corral de Tierra CC).

GCSAA GIS SHOW SAN DIEGO



Cliff and Myrtle have attended 55 GCSAA Shows.



Ed Bale, Rich Lavine, Alberto Canedo, Matt Moore and George Young enjoying the company at the California Room.



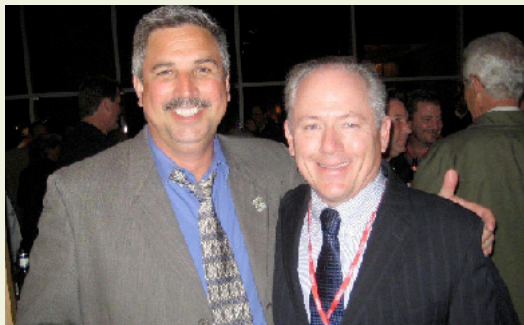
John Pina packing his bag in DT San Diego.



All smiles for Peter Herrera and the fellows in the Stabilizer Solutions booth.



Target Specialty Team at California Forecasting Luncheon.



Jon Madden and Pat Finlen share a smile and hello.



GCSANC Members Ed Bale and Sean Tully plan to soak up some knowledge at a GIS education class.



Past President, Chris Mains, is the 20th GCSANC President for Barb Mikel.



Terry Stratton and the award-winning staff from Little River Inn Golf and Tennis.