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THRU THE GREEN



GCSANC Elects New Board At Annual Meeting

By Ken Williams, CGCS

The GCSANC held its Annual Meeting on January 23 at Sunnyvale Golf Course. Included in the meeting were the 2001 elections. Elected President of the Association was Robert J. Costa, CGCS. Costa, Director of Golf Course Management for the Lombardo Group in Monterey. Bob has served on the Board the previous six years and he served as the GCSANC's Vice-President and Director of Media Relations in the year 2000.

Elected Vice-President was Jeffery Shafer of The Course At Wentz Vineyards. Shafer served as Secretary-Treasurer in 2000. Robert A. Lopic, Director of Golf Course Maintenance at Orinda CC was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Three new Directors made it to the Board at the Annual Meeting. Patrick R. Finlen, CGCS Director of Course Maintenance at Bayonet/Blackhorse and Vincent Keats, Superintendent at Napa Valley CC, were elected to two-year terms. Joel K. Ahern, Superintendent at San Jose CC, was appointed to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Gary K. Skolnik.

Andy Slack of Spot Water Management was elected to the Board by the affiliate membership as Affiliate Representative. Andy will serve a two-year term. In addition, two By-Law changes were approved by the general membership.

The changes will allow the Affiliate Representatives to the Board votes in Board decisions.

The GCSANC also presented their Annual Awards at the meeting. Superintendent of the Year went to Raymond G. Davies, CGCS for his hard work and help with GCSAA's Professional Development Initiative. Affiliate of the Year was awarded to Russell D. Mitchell. Russ provided the Association with an excellent presentation at The Institute in November and was thanked for his many ongoing contributions. The award for Turfgrass Excellence went to Walt M. Barret of Green Hills CC. Walt provided the Association with immaculate turfgrass conditions at Green Hills for the Superintendent/Pro event in June. The GCSANC's George Santana Distinguished Service Award went posthumously to Herbert Graves of the H.V. Carter Company. Bert received the award for his tireless lifelong contributions to the Association. Bert's son Bruce graciously accepted the award.

Host Superintendent Chris Gose was presented with a plaque for hosting the event. The GCSANC also awarded 25-Year Pins to association members. The recipients included John Grant, Ted Moore, Ernie Martin, Edward Munnelly, Mike Ravel, Hiroshi "Russ" Tsutsui, and Emil Yappart. Outgoing

President Gary Carls, CGCS also noted that Clifford A. Wagoner, CGCS had earned his 50-Year Pin that will be awarded at a meeting later in the year.

Jeff Shafer gave the Treasurer's Report for 2000. The GCSANC had total assets of \$117,000 and total liabilities of \$28,000 as of December 31, 2000. The liabilities were high due to previously unpaid bills for the Institute and Holiday meetings.

Bob Lopic gave the Membership Report. Bob listed the numbers of members in each category and noted that GCSANC membership has stayed level with numbers from the previous year.

Rich Lavine, CGCS gave the Annual Bookkeeping Review. Rich and Dave Sexton, CGCS visited the GCSANC office and review the bookkeeping procedures. Rich stated that the review was just that and not an actual audit of records. They reviewed the Association's check register, voided checks, accounting procedures, and tax filings with Association Manager Barb Mikel. Rich appeared to be satisfied that things were running in proper order.

In conclusion approximately 60 brave souls battled the blustery, rainy weather to take on Sunnyvale GC.



2001 GCSANC ANNUAL MEETING GOLF
(Scramble Format)

1st Place (won scorecard playoff)	GROSS	NET
Mike Hill	58	58
Ross Brownlie		
Gary Sayre		
Jeff Shafer		