



AFFILIATE PROFILE

**Pete Bowman, CGCS**

**Employer:** UAP Professional Products

**Position:** Territory Manager

**Years in the Business:** 30

**Previous Employment:** Sierra Pacific Turf Supply; Diablo Grande, Patterson; Merced Hills GC, Merced; Micke Grove GC, Lodi; David L Baker GC, Fountain Valley; Heartwell GC, Long Beach; Brookside GC, Pasadena; San Luis Obispo CC, San Luis Obispo; Tilden Park GC, Berkeley and last but not least... Paperboy, Berkeley - 5 years.

**Education:** B.S. Ornamental Horticulture, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo-1985

**GCSANC Work or Interests:** However and wherever I can help.

**Other Organizations:** GCSAA Member 23 years. Served on several committees; Sierra Nevada GCSA-President 1995, Affiliate Rep. 3 years.; California GCSA-President 1995, Affiliate Rep 2 years.

**Family:** Married 26 years to wife Nina, whom I met while working at Tilden Park GC in Berkeley. Son Peter, 25, is in his third year of Dentistry at the University of West Virginia, and will be getting married in July. Daughter Sarah, 23, is a graduate of San Francisco State University. Son Michael, 17, is a high school junior.

**Outside Interests:** Little League and High School Baseball Umpire; golf; snow skiing; jumping off really high rocks (as long as there is water below!)

**Favorite Vacation:** Visiting in-laws in southern New Hampshire during October Fall color.

**Favorite Course:** To Work On - Tilden Park GC; To Play - Bandon Dunes/Pacific Dunes

**Course You'd Like to Visit:** St. Andrews

**Strangest Thing You've Witnessed On The Golf Course:** Me getting chased out of - and then back into - and finally back out of the maintenance shop at Tilden Park GC by a skunk about 25 years ago. Smelling like a skunk, I mowed greens anyway. My wife, who wasn't my wife back then, wouldn't let me in the restaurant to get a cup of coffee. I married her anyway.

**Worst Comment From a Golfer:** A golfer on the driving range at Tilden Park GC was unintentionally slicing nearly every shot dead right over the netting into the maintenance yard. When asked by his romance novel reading girlfriend why they keep going over that fence, his reply: "That's how you know how good a golfer is...when he can hit 'em out of the ballpark like that." She believed him, thinking he must be really good!

**What You'd Be Doing If You Weren't Involved With UAP:** Umpiring baseball as far as I could go with it. If that didn't pay the bills, then I'd probably grow grass again somewhere.

## Special Recognition for GCSANC Award Winners

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California (GCSANC) recognized five of its members for their contributions within the turfcare industry. Chapter President and Master of Ceremonies Gill Stiles presented the awards at the GCSANC Annual Meeting held January 22, 2007, at Santa Rosa Golf & Country Club. Nearly 100 association members and turfcare industry representatives were in attendance at the meeting and awards ceremony.



The **Superintendent of the Year Award** was presented to Golf Course Superintendent **Brian Netz, CGCS**, from **The Presidio Golf Course** (San Francisco, CA) for his contributions to the association. Netz serves as vice president for the GCSANC and is a member of its Education Committee and Strategic Planning Committee. He has been a supporter of the nationally recognized GCSANC Ball Mark Repair Tool Program, promoted in conjunction with Play Golf America and its player development initiatives.

"I enjoy being involved with our association, especially with programs and initiatives that help our members," said top honoree Brian Netz. "I never imagined I'd receive an award for my service to the association. I'm humbled by the honor, and amazed by it all...I really am."

Prior to The Presidio, Netz was a golf course superintendent at the 36-hole Bayonet/Blackhorse Golf Course (Seaside, CA). His turfcare experience also includes assistant superintendent positions at Richmond Country (Richmond, CA), Somerset Country Club (St. Paul, MN) and Wakonda Club (Des Moines, IA). Through the assistance of a Trans-Mississippi Golf Association Scholarship, Netz earned a degree in Turfgrass Management from the University of Minnesota. He also holds the distinction as a Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS) from the GCSAA.

"Brian Netz, CGCS is a tremendous individual who cares

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