

## FEATURE COURSE

### San Francisco's Presidio Golf Course



*The rich-in-tradition Presidio Golf Course is the site for the 2009 GCSANC Annual Meeting.*

*The day includes golf, a membership meeting, an inspirational speaker and awards.*

Mark your calendar now for the upcoming GCSANC Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony set for Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at the Presidio Golf Course in San Francisco, CA. The day will kick off with morning golf on a course known for its narrow fairways and its strategically-positioned bunkers. The tournament will be followed by a luncheon meeting and awards ceremony held on site at the historic member's club.

Adding additional interest to the event will be keynote speaker Sergeant Major Jon R. Cavaiani (Ret.) a former prisoner of war, and recipient of the U.S. military's highest decoration--the Medal of Honor, presented for his brave action during the Vietnam War.

"You can expect our keynote speaker to be both informative and inspirational," stated GCSANC president and host superintendent Brian Netz, CGCS. "Mr. Cavaiani will share details on how he overcame adversity throughout his military career, persevered well, and grew personally and professionally from the experience." According to Netz, besides the prestigious Army Medal of Honor, Cavaiani has received the Legion of Valor, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (Valor) and Purple Heart. Cavaiani is also an experienced freefall and static line jumpmaster having completed more than 5,000 jumps spanning the globe.

The day will culminate with an awards ceremony where GCSANC members will be honored for their contributions within the association, turfcare industry, and local community. Plan to join awards chairman Brian Bagley and his committee as they recognize the following individuals for exceptional service: **GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR: Steve Byrne** (*Mira Vista Golf & Country Club*); **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD: David Sexton**, CGCS (*The Meadow Club*); **BERT GRAVES MEMORIAL AFFILI-**



**ATE AWARD:** Pete Bowman, CGCS (*Target Specialty Products*);  
**TURFGRASS EXCELLENCE, PRIVATE CATEGORY:** Scott Lewis,  
CGCS (*Menlo Country Club*) and **TURFGRASS EXCELLENCE,**  
**PUBLIC CATEGORY:** Brian Boyer (*Cinnabar Hills Golf Club*).

Under the business portion of the meeting, GCSANC leadership will provide a brief year-in-review. Topics will include an update on chapter activities, finances, upcoming educational opportunities, as well as a status report on the golf tax recently “proposed” by the governor.

The meeting will also serve as an opportunity to publicly thank chapter sponsors/affiliate members who serve as the lifeline for the organization. Outgoing directors will be recognized for their service and an election will be held for new directors. We hope you’ll join us, as the day will be quite informative on a variety of levels, yet with plenty of time for camaraderie and celebration too. We want you there...so sign up now!

For more information about the 2009 GCSANC Annual Meeting and Golf Tournament contact Association Manager Barbara Mikel at (530) 626-0931 or via e-mail at [gcsanc@e-easi.net](mailto:gcsanc@e-easi.net).

You can also register online by visiting:  
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