

## George Santana Distinguished Service Award

The George Santana Distinguished Service Award is presented to a chapter member for their long-standing commitment to the GCSANC and the turf care industry.



**Jason Green**  
San Jose Country Club  
San Jose

It wasn't a problem finding a worthy recipient for the distinguished service award, the minute the name Jason Green came to surface. A dedicated Class "A" Superintendent, Jason also serves as general manager and chief operating officer at San Jose Country Club. He started in the business in 1986, had a 5-year stint at Los Altos CC and 10 years at San Jose CC before heading off to Cal Poly-San Luis

Obispo where he earned a BS degree in Ornamental Horticulture with a concentration in Turfgrass Management. In 2003, he returned to San Jose CC as superintendent and was promoted to general manager in 2010.

Jason has been committed to the Nor Cal Chapter and overall profession in a variety of ways. He has served on the GCSANC board of directors, advanced through the chairs ultimately serving as

president. He has served on various chapter committees and always with immense dedication and spirit. In addition to worthy GCSANC programs like scholarship and turfgrass research, Jason and his club support NCGA Youth on Course program, Lance Armstrong Tour de Cure, plus the American Diabetes Association.

Jason is currently a delegate to the California Chapter of the GCSAA, serving as an effective liaison between the Nor Cal and State Chapters.

Due to Jason's keen knowledge and natural ability to connect with others he is an excellent mentor for members of his staff and other up-and-coming turf care professionals. To this day, he credits three mentors for his success: his father, former boss Mike Simpson, CGCS, at Los Altos G&CC, and PGA Life Member Gary Plato.

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