

Golf Course Superintendent of the Year Award

The Golf Course Superintendent of the Year Award is presented to a GCSANC Member who has made contributions for the betterment of the association, its members and the overall profession. This is the highest distinction bestowed upon a golf course superintendent.



Patrick "Pat" Finlen, CGCS
The Olympic Club
San Francisco

The GCSANC is proud to announce Patrick "Pat" Finlen is the recipient of the 2011 Golf Course Superintendent of the Year Award, an honor so well deserved.

As Director of Golf Course Maintenance Operations at the Olympic Club, Pat keeps exceptionally busy these days as he prepares for the 2012 U.S. Open Championship set for June 14-17. Prior to the Olympic Club, Pat served as director of golf course maintenance at Bayonet and Black Horse Golf Courses (Seaside, CA), golf course & grounds manager at Quivira Lake & Country Club (Lake Quivira, KS), and superintendent at Cypress Point Country Club (Virginia Beach, VA). He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Rockhurst College in Kansas City, MO.

A certified golf course superintendent, Pat receives the Golf Course Superintendent of the Year Award for his ongoing contributions to the betterment of the association and its members, as well as the golf

community. He has served on the GCSANC board of directors and currently is secretary/treasurer for the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) where he is instrumental in improving programs and services for fellow golf course superintendents and affiliate members.

He is a trustee and officer for the Environmental Institute for Golf (EIFG), a not-for-profit organization committed to strengthening the compatibility of the game of golf with the natural environment. Additionally, Pat is a supporter of the California Alliance for Golf (CAG), a statewide trade organization whose primary goal is to protect valuable resources for those of us in the business of golf and turf care.

Pat has been a dedicated member of the GCSAA for 26 years. He is past president of three GCSAA chapters: Northern California, Heart of America, and the California State Chapter. And, because of his exemplary service with the GCSANC, this is the second time he has earned this prestigious award; first time was in 2003.

Pat also gives back to the community by lending support to various turf related organizations, plus industry initiatives including Golf 20/20 and its We Are Golf initiative, the Save Sharp Park Golf Course campaign, Play Golf America, and Doctors Orders: Play Golf, a health education initiative through golf.



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