## **GCSANC Presidents Award**

The GCSANC Presidents Award is a special honor bestowed upon an individuals who have exemplified excellence in a designated area and serve as role models for others within the golf industry. It is not an annual award, but one bestowed on rare occasion at the discretion of the association's President.





Mr. Richard Harris, Esq. and Mr. Robert "Bo" Links, Esq. San Francisco Public Golf Alliance

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Award has been given to Mr. Richard H. Harris and Mr. Robert D. "Bo" Links for their exceptional volunteerism and contributions to the game of golf, well-evidenced

The GCSANC Presidents

through their grassroots effort to help Save Sharp Park, an Alister MacKenzie-designed public golf course, open to citizens of all ages and ethnicities.

Harris and Links have worked tirelessly in support of golf as they fully demonstrate the type of effort it takes to preserve public golf especially in these challenging economic times where politics may often come into play.

Both men have deep roots in Northern California golf. Harris is a member at Gleneagles GC, Sharp Park GC and Stanford University GC. He was introduced to the game at a young age by his father and later played Varsity Golf at Stanford where he was captain of the golf team in 1968.

After graduation Harris served in the U.S. Army, 82nd Airbone Division and 25th Infantry Division, South Vietnam (1969-1971). He graduated from Boalt Hall School of Law at UC Berkeley in 1977, and has been practicing law in San Francisco ever since. He is with the firm of Erskine and Tulley where his legal practice focuses on business, insurance, and real estate litigation.

Harris was instrumental in the Save Stanford Golf Course campaign in 2000. He is co-founder of the San Francisco Public Golf Alliance (SFPGA), an organization committed to preserving affordable

eco-friendly golf, with focus on San Francisco's historic Sharp Park and Lincoln Park courses.

Co-honoree, Robert D. "Bo" Links is a lifelong resident of the City & County of San Francisco. A graduate of UC Berkeley and UCLA Law School, Links has practiced law in San Francisco since 1974, and is currently with Slote & Links where he maintains an active general litigation and legal counseling practice.

Links, an avid golfer and a dedicated golf historian, he serves as the volunteer historian for the city's golf courses. He was active in the project to renovate and restore Harding Park GC. Additionally, he has served on the USGA Green Section Committee for nearly two decades and is a pro bono speaker for the association on legal issues affecting the game of golf. In his spare time, he's authored Follow the Wind plus Riverbank Tweed & Roadmap Jenkins: Tales From the Caddie Yard.

A past president of Lake Merced Golf Club (2003-04), Links was successful in leading the effort to rebuild the club's infrastructure (new clubhouse, recycled water facilities, maintenance building). In 2007 and 2008, Links was honored by the Alister MacKenzie Society, which awarded him first prize in the international Lido Design Contest. He is the only two-time winner of that award.

Links' greatest golf endeavor is his leadership role in co-founding the SFPGA. He and Harris continue to help secure necessary funding for an environmentally sensitive restoration of the cherished MacKenzie-designed Sharp Park. Additionally, both men continue to keep others well-informed about the serious issues surrounding Sharp Park, demonstrated through their ongoing volunteerism advocacy work.





LEFT: GCSANC VP Jon Christenson and Affiliate Member, Doug Nichols (center) present a "Save Sharp Park" poster bearing notes of appreciation to honorees Richard Harris (left) and Bo Links (far right). RIGHT: Tim Powers, CGCS, shares rare images of Sharp Park GC with Award Honoree Bo Links and Affiliate Member Matt Moore.