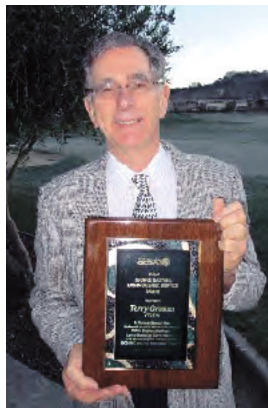


# Annual Awards

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



## George Santana Distinguished Service Award

**Terry Grasso, CGCS**

Sequoyah Country Club,  
Oakland, CA

At the formative age of 13, Terry Grasso started as a caddie at Claremont CC, and now, today, this distinguished honoree is a certified golf course superintendent at Sequoyah Country Club (Oakland, CA) where he is completing his 26th year as a GC-

SANC member.

Prior to Sequoyah CC Grasso was the golf course & grounds superintendent at Burlingame CC (Hillsborough, CA), an assistant golf course superintendent at the Olympic Club (San Francisco, CA), a greenskeeper at Claremont CC (Oakland, CA) and also an assistant golf professional there, too.

Grasso does a tremendous job in his role as golf course superintendent at Sequoyah, a private, East Bay club which is rich in history and spirit. In the late 30's and early 40's, Sequoyah served as venue host for the Oakland Open which attracted such stand-out players as Hogan, Nelson, Snead and Demaret.

Grasso has long-garnered the respect of the club's leadership team, who values his work and recognizes the importance of a well-maintained course. Grasso finds great satisfaction in training and inspiring his staff and continues to mentor them as well as other up-and-coming turf care professionals throughout the Nor Cal region. He is a trusted confidante to his colleagues and makes a point to get together with them as often as he can to "talk" turf.

This is a special year for Grasso and Sequoyah CC members as they celebrate the clubs' 100th anniversary. When the GCSANC was planning its 75th year anniversary celebration (a few years ago), it was Grasso who stepped up to the plate to serve as our event host. He still continues to lend a hand today whenever he can. In addition to supporting GCSANC programs like scholarship & turfgrass research, Grasso has hosted education workshops, California Alliance for Golf meetings and USGA Green Section meetings at his club.

Grasso and his club members are supporters of The First Tee of Oakland, the Oakland Turfgrass Education Initiative and the NCGA Foundation and have even hosted a 100-hole golf marathon benefiting charitable causes. Because Grasso and the members at Sequoyah genuinely care about the future of golf for kids, they have established a golf merit scholarship program which benefits local youth.

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