

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of Nor Cal Recognizes Its Award Winners at 2014 Annual Meeting

GCSANC Member Wayne Kappelman from Sharp Park Golf Course named Golf Course Superintendent of the Year

San Francisco, CA—The Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California (GCSANC) is pleased to announce its annual award winners. These individuals will be recognized for their outstanding contributions within the golf and turfcare industry at the 2014 GCSANC Annual Meeting set for Mon. January 13, at Oakhurst Country Club in Clayton, CA.

The recipient of the coveted Course Superintendent of the Year award is GCSANC Member Wayne Kappelman of Sharp Park Golf Course (Pacifica, CA) and golf course superintendent at the popular, Alister MacKenzie-designed public golf course owned by the City & County of San Francisco.

The George Santana Distinguished Service award will be presented to GCSANC Past President (1994), Randal “Randy” Gai, CGCS, who has just completed his respected tenure as Director of Golf Course & Club Grounds at Claremont Country Club (Oakland, CA).

Earning honors in Turfgrass Excellence within the Public Category is Golf Course Superintendent & Director of Landscape James “Jim” Ferrin, CGCS, at Sun City Roseville where he oversees Timber Creek Golf Course and Sierra Pines Golf Course (Roseville, CA). The Turfgrass Excellence Award in the Private Category is earned by Golf Course Superintendent Jason Goss of Sonoma Golf Club (Sonoma, CA).

This year the Bert Graves Affiliate Merit Award will be presented to two individuals for their ongoing support to the GCSANC. These exceptional honorees include Danville resident Adrian Bertens, Founder of Hydro Engineering Inc., and Martinez resident Mike Ligon, who serves as Territory Sales Representative for Jacobsen West in a region which spans from the Bay Area to Monterey.

The GCSANC Presidents Award is being presented to Oakland resident Ali Harivandi, Ph.D., Environmental Horticulturist, Emeritus, University of California Cooperative Extension. He receives this special distinction for his significant contributions through turfgrass research coupled with his ongoing support to the GCSANC and its educational programs.

“We are extremely proud of our chapter award winners and we look forward to recognizing each of these fine individuals at our upcoming annual meeting,” said GCSANC President & Annual Meeting Host Jon Christenson. “With such well-deserving honorees, and each of them doing such amazing things within the profession and throughout their communities, it’s no wonder that our Nor Cal chapter continues to shine.”

In addition to award presentations, during the annual meeting attendees will have a chance to gain insight from guest speaker GC-SAA National President Patrick “Pat” Finlen, CGCS, who also serves as General Manager at the Olympic Club (San Francisco, CA). Additionally, during the meeting GCSANC members will elect new directors, install new officers, and recognize outgoing directors for their service to the association.

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California is dedicated to serving its members, fostering communication, advancing the profession, improving the environment and enriching the quality of golf for others.



Affiliate members elect new director Vince Keats, CGCS.



GCSANC past presidents.



Randy Gai reviews his awards presentation display prepared by Emmy Moore Minister.



Kappelman