

**2004 CWSS Honorary Member  
Tad H. Gantenbein**



Honorary Membership in the California Weed Science Society recognizes outstanding contributions to the society by a member over an extended period of time. This year's Honorary Member by far surpasses that standard of service. The California Weed Science Society Honorary Member for the year 2004 is Tad H. Gantenbein.

Tad was born in Green Bay, Wisconsin in 1939; he was the son of a Green Bay Packer. He came to Sacramento, CA in 1948, and went to a local high school. He graduated from UC Davis in 1961, with a B. S. degree in Entomology and Parasitology. His first job was with Roy Riegels Chemicals (a subsidiary of John Taylor Fertilizer Company) as a field checker and from there he went to the John Taylor Fertilizer Company. At John Taylor, he created and supervised their technical support department working with growers and PCA's as a pesticide specialist. His job included regulatory and legal issues responsibilities. He remained with John Taylor until he retired in March 2003.

Tad married his high school sweetheart in 1961, Patti. They have two children, Erik and Elisa, four grandchildren with one on the way. Erik is a biologist working in the field of wetlands restoration in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys. Elisa is a teacher for the San Juan School District home schooling program.

Tad has been active in CWSS since 1962. He has served on the Board of Directors and the Steering Committee.

In addition Tad served on the US EPA Pesticide Users Advisory Committee, the CDPR committee to upgrade PCA licensing exams, the DPR committee on Full Use Reporting and as a Principal Reviewer of the UCD IPM Publication: Safe and Effective Use of Pesticides.

Tad has served on numerous boards and has numerous licenses and honors. Some are: The first Crop Advisor Stewardship award PCA of the Year, (WACA), President of Northern California Entomology Club, Crop Advisor Hall of Fame inductee, Board Certified Entomologist, PCA license, QA license, ESA member, CAST, Weed Science Society of America member, and Western Weed Science Society member.

It is a great honor that the Society presents this award to Tad Gantenbein.