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PRESENTER

Name: Gary Grigg
Age: 53
Course: Naples (Fla.) National GC
Years GCSAA member: 24
GCSAA posts: Current vice president; board member since 1989; chairman of scholarship and research, tournament, membership, finance, chapter relations, planning, conference and show committees; member of nominating, certification, environmental relations, water rights and pesticides committees.
Other associations: Past president of Southern Arizona and New Mexico GCSAs and Southwest Turfgrass Assoc.; board member of Heart of America GCSA; member of Everglades and Florida GCSAs; member of Florida Conservation, Texas Turfgrass and Southwest Turfgrass associations; former member of Northern California, Cactus and Pine, University of Maryland, University of Arizona, Michigan and Ozark GCSAs.
Education: Bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from Arizona State University.
Goal: "My No. 1 goal is to work hard at getting the message out that superintendents are doing a great job. I bring a varied background to the changing industry. The new executive staff is the best ways to do that. I'm very positive about the future."
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BOARD MEMBER

Name: Tommy D. Witt
Age: 41
Course: Hop Meadow CC, Simsbury, Conn.
Years GCSAA member: 17
GCSAA posts: Member of public relations and membership services committees; candidate at chapter relations annual meeting; member, career development group; voting and alternate delegate.
Other associations: Past president of Connecticut GC; member of Professional Pesticide Users of Connecticut.
Education: Associate's degree in turfgrass management, University of Massachusetts; Family: Children, Ty, 26; Grier, 24; Ian, 23; Sian, 20.
Goal: "I've enjoyed my association with the Connecticut chapter and helping the profession move forward. I'd like to do the same with the GCSAA. The career development group, for instance, is one area that can really help better service our members. While GCSAA can never guarantee all members obtain superintendence positions, we can make the tools available to help members improve themselves. I want to help make GCSAA a conduit through which the members can become more professional."

Name: Paul Dermott
Age: 49
Course: Oakdale Golf & CC, Downsview, Ontario, Canada
GCSAA posts: Conference session chairman; conference panel member; voting delegate; alternate; member of certification, membership, conference and show committees; member of Golden Tee Club.
Other associations: Past president of Ontario GCSA; member: Canadian GCSA; Western Ontario GCSA; Landscape Ontario; founding member and past president of Ontario Turfgrass Research Foundation; founding chairman, Ontario Turfgrass Symposium; advisor, Guelph Turfgrass Institute.
Education: Associate degree in animal husbandry, University of Guelph; graduate of Pennsylvania State University.
Goal: "I think I have something to offer the association, especially now that my children are grown and I hope the time to devote to it. Our top priority should be to continue upgrading the professionalism of all our members. I'm happy with the changes that have been made recently and the direction the association is moving."

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Bruce Williams

Vice President

Name: Bruce Williams
Age: 45
Course: Bob O'Link GC, Highland Park, Ill.
Former head superintendent at: In charge at Bob O'Link since 1979
Years GCSAA member: 18
GCSAA posts: Board of director member since 1991; chairman of finance, industry advisory, certification appeals and technological information services advisory committees; vice chairman of chapter relations resource group; member of seminar resource, conference and planning, CEU guidelines, certification and education, public relations, scholarship and research, finance and planning committees; government relations liaison to the board of directors.

Other associations: Past president of Chicagoland Assoc. of GCs; member of Chicago District Golf Assoc. Turfgrass Research Advisory Committee, Chicago Botanical Garden Advisory Committee, International Golf Museum and Hall of Fame Advisory Board; USGA Green Section Committee, Illinois Golf Hall of Fame Selection Committee and Northern Illinois Horticultural Assoc.; instructor at College of Lake County.

Education: Bachelor's degree in English and speech, Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio; graduate of turfgrass management program, Michigan State.

Family: Wife, Roxanne; children, Blake, 13, Claire, 9, David, 6, Mary 1.

Goal: "We'll spend much of the coming year developing cooperative working arrangements with our chapters throughout the country. It's important for the future of the national associations to make sure that the chapters have a loud voice in what happens. We're also working on further enhancing the image of the golf course superintendent. The television show on ESPN will let us give the superintendent's slant on what happens at the course and should have a positive impact on public opinion toward the role of the superintendent."

President's Environmental Award to Hiers

By Mark Leslie

NAPLES, Fla. — It has been a remarkable journey the last few years for Tim Hiers. From superintendent at the environmentally friendly John's Island Club in Vero Beach to operating the country's first Audubon Signature Cooperative Sanctuary Golf Course at Collier's Reserve here, to winning the treasured President's Award for Environmental Leadership from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) — this has been a time of excitement. Yet, Hiers, a member of the Golf Course News Advisory Board, would give credit elsewhere.

"Without sounding falsely humble, I have been in the right place at the right time," he said. "The accumulation of what I'm doing has been direction and guidance and experience from other superintendents — not books and magazines. It has not been from real-life experience and looking at examples of myriad superintendents who have done all this before. We just had the opportunity to try to embody most of those simultaneously."

The President's Award was created in 1992 and has only been presented to the Cape Cod Superintendents Association and Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary.