Iowa GCSA elects Otter Creek’s Verrips president

DES MOINES, Iowa — The Iowa Golf Course Superintendents Association (IGCSA), meeting at the 66th Annual Iowa Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show here, has elected Thomas Verrips of Otter Creek Golf Course in Ankeny as its new president. Verrips is joined on the board by Vice President Dennis Watters of Fort Dodge Country Club; Northeast Director Steve Fagerland of Beaver Hills Country Club in Cedar Falls; and Northwest Director Russ Appel of Briggs Woods Golf Course in Webster City.

Serving in the second year of two-year terms are Southeast District’s Mark Henson of Ottumwa Municipal Golf Course and Southwest District’s Gerald Studer of Harlan Golf & Country Club. Superintendent of the Year was awarded to Tim Westland of Thunderhills Country Club in Peosta. Assistant Superintendent of the Year was awarded to Mark Pierce of Beaver Hills Country Club in Cedar Falls. The Charlie Calhoun Writing Award was presented to Steve Fagerland of Beaver Hills Country Club.

The IGCSA awarded $4,000 in scholarships. Winners were Jeff Wendell of Iowa State University (ISU), $1,000; Brandon Smith of KCC, $700; John Lavelle and Diane Teewe of ISU, $500 each; Brad Bird of ISU, $400; Aaron Patton of ISU, $300; and Janelle Kracht, Chad Wilson and Mark Howleson of ISU, $200 apiece.

Carolinas elect Garrett, board

CLEMSON, S.C. — Donald C. Garrett Jr., of Dataw Island Club in Beaufort was elected president of the Carolinas Golf Course Superintendents Association during its winter business meeting here. Vice President Joel A. Ratcliff of Sedgefield Country Club in Greensboro, N.C., joined Garrett on the board along with Treasurer David S. Downin of Wild Wing Plantation in Myrtle Beach and Secretary Rex Floyd of Wilson (Ala.) Country Club (CC). Directors for 1998 are Dennis L. Bowsher of Spring Valley CC in Columbia; John F. Davis of Seccession Golf Club in Beaufort; Alton Sheffield of North Ridge CC in Raleigh, N.C.; Mark S. Stoddard of Charlotte (N.C.) CC; Seven M. Wright of Long Cove Club in Hilton Head; Allan H. Pulaski of The Country Club at Seabrook in Johns Island; John A. Green of Blowing Rock (N.C.) CC; John K. Williams of Keith Hills CC in Buies Creek, N.C.; and William H. Maynard of Champion Hills Club in Hendersonville, N.C.

Hladik president of Sierra Nevada

LINCOLN, Calif. — Neil A. Hladik, a certified golf course superintendent at Twelve Bridges Golf Club here, is the new president of the Sierra Nevada Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Hladik succeeded Jim Hustings, a certified superintendent from Woodbridge (Calif.) Country Club. He was elected to head a new slate of officers including Vice President Pete Froom of Brooks Country Club in Stockton and Secretary/Treasurer Gary Williams of Arbuckle Golf Club.


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