GCSAA to honor Pebble’s Horton with Environmental award

ORLANDO, Fla. — Citing him for efforts that "personally what superintendents strive for each and every day," the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) has chosen Edward C. "Ted" Horton to receive the 1999 President’s Award for Environmental Leadership.

Horton, vice president of resource management at Pebble Beach Co., will be honored at the Golf, Government and Business Education Conference held in Orlando. This course will also be offered over GCSAA’s website.

GCSAA considers these new learning technologies so important that it has created a new department, Learning Systems Innovation & Design. A department goal is to find new ways to educate members through modern, technological means.

GCSAA’s board of directors selected Horton in recognition of his environmental leadership at Pebble Beach and his pivotal role in the Golf and the Environment Summit process that led to developing the groundbreaking Environmental Principles for Golf Courses in the United States.

"Ted Horton’s work has long been respected within the golf industry," said GCSAA president George Renault III.

"Golf is truly a friend of the environment, and Ted’s efforts personify what superintendents strive for each and every day."

Horton’s environmental initiatives at Pebble Beach have included golf course recycling and efficient irrigation programs. He also works with community groups and is widely respected as a speaker on the topic of golf’s environmental impacts.

The awards ceremony also will include presentation of the national winners in the GCSAA Environmental Steward Awards (ESAs) competition. The ESAs honor environmental excellence among golf courses and recognize the innovative practices that support, preserve and enhance golf’s environment. The session will conclude with a panel discussion with top executives of the allied associations of golf discussing their associations and their views on the role of the golf course superintendent.

The President’s Award for Environmental Leadership was established in 1991 to recognize "an exceptional environmental contributions to the game of golf: a contribution that further exemplifies the golf course superintendent’s image as a steward of the land."

...and Florida’s Jones with Distinguished Service Award

ORLANDO, Fla. — The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) has confirmed that long-time committee members will receive the association’s 1999 Distinguished Service Award.

Jones was superintendent at Banyan Golf Club in West Palm Beach, Fla., from 1980 until his retirement in April 1998.

He is currently the East Coast sales manager of Toro Liquiditec, Inc.

The award will be presented to Jones during the opening ceremonies at the GCSAA’s 70th International Golf Course Conference and Show here, Feb. 8-14.

Jones is being recognized for his 33 years in the turf industry, where he has been an innovator and leader in the business. He was instrumental in the late 1970s in bringing the white amur grass carp into the state to help control annual weeds and reduce the amount of chemicals used in waterways.

Jones has served as president of the local Palm Beach Chapter of the Florida GCSCA, president of the Florida Turfgrass Association and was the editor and publisher of the national award-winning magazine, The Florida Green, for 13 years.

He has been named editor emeritus in honor of his contributions to the growth and success of the magazine.

In 1987 Jones received the Florida GCSCA Distinguished Service Award and also received the Florida Turfgrass Association’s Wreath of Grass Award.

Outgoing president off to warmer climes

NAPLES, Fla. — Eagle's Creek Country Club here has hired outgoing GCSAA President George Renault, as head superintendent.

Renault assumed his new position Jan. 1.

"It was a better opportunity," Renault explained of his move from a Burning Tree Club in Bethesda, Md., where he served as head superintendent for the past eight years.

Prior to Burning Tree, Renault was head superintendent at Cheve Chase (Md.) Club; Penderbrook Golf Club in Fairfax, Va.; and Goose Creek Country Club in Leesburg, Va.

A 20-year GCSAA member, Renault has served on the GCSAA Board of Directors since 1993 and chaired numerous committees. He is also a member of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act Golf Advisory Commission, Watson Fellowship Selection Committee and Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment [RISE] government issues committee.

Renault earned a certificate in golf and turfgrass management from the University of Maryland. He and his wife, Lucinda, have two children: George, 21, and Lucy, 17.
Bombarid NV goes in both ‘golf’ and ‘drive’ mode

The Bombarid NV Neighborhhood Vehicle is an environmentally-friendly and quiet mode of transportation. What makes the vehicle unique is that it’s designed for the fairways and the roadways. In “golf” mode, the Bombarid NV Neighborhhood Vehicle reaches a top speed of 15 mph (to help it comply with golf course standards). In “drive” mode, for off the course, the Bombarid NV reaches a maximum speed of 25 mph, providing drivers with a fun and sporty vehicle for getting around town. The Bombarid NV is 10 for the volunteer course and the country club, and also for trips to the store or visiting friends in the neighborhood. For more information, contact 888-638-5397.

John Deere enhances 2500

The new John Deere 2500 Tri-Flex Greens Mower’s cut quality is enhanced by a new cutting unit suspension that is designed to carry the weight of the lift arms on the traction unit and on the cutting units. The 22-inch cutting units are John Deere designed and manufactured and come with eleven blade reels, 3-mm standard bedknives and a smooth front roller.

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greens, and 1 hit two consecutive 40-foot putts which is something that doesn’t happen every day,” said Pondel on last year’s championship effort. “And this year I feel pretty good, although you never know what’s going to happen—if you look at the trophy not too many guys have won back to back.”

Pondel, along with defending chapter team winners Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents in gross, and California No. 14 net are looking forward to the beautiful courses that await them. Tournament activities will get under way with practice rounds on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 6-8, a four-ball championship on Sunday, Feb. 7. The official two day tournament gets underway Monday, Feb. 8.

The following is a brief rundown of the courses that will host the 1999 GCSSA Golf Championship.

— The Westin Innsbrook Resort will be hosting the event at three of its courses, all of which were designed by Larry Packard.

— Copperhead (host superintendent, Rod Giampietro; course rating 74.4, slope 140). The Copperhead course is the home of the season ending J.C. Penny Classic. The 7,087 yard, par-71 course features pine tree-lined fairways and rolling terrain and demanding long and accurate tee shots. Designed by Larry Packard in 1973, this resort course is reminiscent of a classic Carolina layout.

— Island (host superintendent, Carl Collin; course rating 74.1). The Island course stays true to its name with the six holes featuring lateral water hazards. The remainder of the 6,999 yard, par-72 course features rolling terrain and cypress and pine trees that will require pin point accuracy. The 18th hole which dog legs left over water will provide a stern finish.

— Hawk’s Run (host superintendent, Mike Blanchard; course rating 70.5, slope 125). The Hawk’s Run course may be deceiving in distance, but with water hazards coming into play on almost every shot, the 6,260 yard, par-70 layout will surely test all golfers. In addition to the water, there are also 46 bunkers and a resident 10-foot gator to contend with. This 1992 Packard-designed park is not the place to spray shots.

— World Woods Golf Club (host superintendent, John Morrison; course rating 72.9, slope 128) This 6,900 yard, par-72 layout designed by Hale Irwin in 1992 features natural rolling terrain and lush forest areas. The challenge on this course will be the drainage retention areas that border each almost every hole at Southern Woods. Land in these grassy holes and you will face elevation changes of 20 to 40 feet from the fairway to the green areas. Strategically placed bunkers and water hazards add further dangers to this otherwise straightforward layout.

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Jacobsen and Bunton lawn-care machinery.

Reporting to Burtt will be Philip Trullis who is responsible for turf care in the Americas; J.T. Walden, president of E-Z-GO; Tom Meier, president of Vermeer; and Paul Hollingworth will be managing director responsible for the European operations.

Burtt joined TeXtron in 1980 and held various executive positions with Greenlee TeXtron, including president. In 1986, he was promoted from Greenlee to TeXtron’s world headquarters as vice president of human resources. In January 1997, he became president of Industrial Components.

Peter Wilson, ex-president of Ransomes, was heading up TeXtron Turf Care and Specialty Products worldwide, but has since been promoted to president of TeXtron Fastening Systems (TFS) Europe. Wilson will remain in England and oversee 23 operations across Europe with more than 5,500 employees and revenues exceeding $700 million.

According to Trullis, Burtt’s move to Elgin from world headquarters in Providence makes sense, geographic sense. “TeXtron has a fastening office that’s been built in Elgin,” said Trullis. “So it made more sense to have Burtt outside of Providence and closer to Chicago and closer to Racine.”

As far as the ongoing consolidation, “We’re about 90 percent there,” added Trullis.