FERRERI NEW MIDWEST PRESIDENT

The Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents (MAGCS) has elected Don Ferreri president. Ferreri is the superintendent at Seven Bridges Golf Club (GC) in Woodridge, Ill. The election took place at the MAGCS annual meeting, held at Medinah Country Club (CC) outside Chicago. Ferreri succeeds Robert Malbusch of Hinsdale Golf Club in Clarendon Hills.

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Vice president for the year 2000 is Brian Bossett of Bryn Mawr Country Club, while Luke Strojny of Poplar Creek Golf Course was elected secretary-treasurer. Elected to two-year terms as directors were Fred Behnke of Mount Prospect GC, John Gurke of Aurora CC, Thomas Fahey of Marquette Park and Columbus Park CG. Michael Mumper of Ravisloe CC was elected to a one-year term. Directors with one year remaining are Kevin DeRoo of Bartlett Hills GC and Gregory Thalman of Fox Run Golf Links.

NEW YORK SCHOLARS CITED

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Scholarships were presented at the New York State Turfgrass Associations (NYSTA) Turf and Grounds Exposition here. Students who are enrolled in accredited turf management programs were eligible for these scholarships.

Robert Mediak of SUNY Delhi received the NYSTA-John Corman Scholarship while NYSTA Scholarships were presented to Jason Anderson and Douglas Vanderlee of SUNY Delhi; and Joel Barcwell, David Percorini, Steven Solsky and Kevin Walker of SUNY Cobleskill.

The NYSTA Equipment Managers Scholarship went to Christopher Teresi of SUNY Delhi; the Fitzharris Agronomy Scholarship to Andrew Stevens of SUNY Delhi; Bayer Corp. Scholarships to Chad Anderson of SUNY Cobleskill and Tony Hershey of SUNY Delhi; Stephen V. Moffett III Scholarships were awarded to Ryan Daly of SUNY Delhi, Teresa Damaski of Cornell University and Robert Milan of SUNY Cobleskill; the AgrEvo Scholarship to James Loivo of Cornell; and Peter P. Hahn Scholarships were given Matthew Delly of SUNY Delhi, and Andrew Hahn and Jon McConnville of SUNY Cobleskill.

JARRELL VOWS MORE MEMBERSHIP

ORLANDO, Fla. — Florida Turfgrass Association (FTGA) President, Mark Jarrell has announced personal initiatives that he is going to focus on as head of the Florida association.

"My agenda is to grow our membership through an outreach program to other turf-related associations, increase attendance at our Conference and Show, increase our levels of fundraising for turfgrass research, and build stronger bonds with our university turfgrass programs," stated Jarrell.

Jarrell views the objectives of the FTGA to be founded in education and research: research on alternative Florida grasses requiring less water and less fertilizer and higher, more broad, education opportunities for all related industry professionals to impede unnecessary environmental and legislative regulations that simply add costs to operations with no defined benefit.

"To be better professionals we have to take the initiative to learn more about what makes up our industry," Jarrell said. "We have to learn and understand what’s good and what’s detrimental to the environment, for example. To acquire this knowledge first-hand means our industry must create ways to generate funds for the necessary research; appropriate university research."

As president, Jarrell created the Allied Association Committee chaired by Vernie Pickhardt to organize an effort to collaborate with other associations. Jarrell said, "Without the help of the FTGA and other associations, it would be impossible for the FTGA to create the Allied Association Committee.

"The Allied Association Committee will be responsible for creating a sense of cooperation between associations allied to the Florida Turf Industry: i.e. sports associations, parks & recreation associations, Irrigation Society, Lawn Maintenance Association, Florida Pest Control Operators, and others."