GCSAA will honor environmental stewards

NEW ORLEANS — Fifty-two golf course superintendents have been named national, chapter or merit winners of the 2000 Environmental Steward Awards, underscoring their commitment to stewardship efforts on the golf course through contributions that enhance local environments. They will be formally recognized at 8:45 a.m. Feb. 18, during the Golf General Session at the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America’s (GCSAA) 71st International Golf Course Conference and Show at the Morial Convention Center here.

In recognition of the winners, program sponsors Newarris Turf & Ornamental Products, Rain Bird, Textron Turf Care and Specialty Products with Cushman, Jacobsen, Ransomes and Ryan brands and Pursell Technologies Inc., will donate nearly $23,000 to The GCSAA Foundation. The foundation is committed to advancing educational opportunities and environmental and scientific research for golf course management.

The 2000 Environmental Steward Award winners were named in three national categories (public, private and resort golf courses) and an international category. The winners include:

- **National Public:** Buck Workman, Catechee Golf Club, Hartwell, Ga.
- **National Private (tie):** Michael Sandburg, Lakeside Country Club, Houston, Texas; and Donald Ewoldt Jr., Sand Creek Country Club, Chesterston, Ind.
- **National Resort:** Jimmy Thomas, Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort, San Antonio, Texas

The Environmental Steward Awards recognize superintendents for overall course management excellence in the areas of technology use, resource conservation, water quality management, integrated pest management, wildlife/habitat management and education/oureach.

"The dedication of the golf course superintendent to enrich the quality of golf and its environment has truly been exemplified by all Environmental Steward Award applicants," said Dave Fearris, GCSAA president and certified golf course superintendent at Blue Hills Country Club in Kansas City, Mo.

"These awards continue to recognize GCSAA members for their commitment to maintaining a healthy environment, and they provide others with the opportunity to acknowledge their environmental stewardship efforts," he added.

In addition to the national and international winners, 24 chapter winners and 23 merit winners were selected from GCSAA's 101 affiliated chapters.

**CHAPTER WINNERS**

**Public**
Robert Best, Tierra Verde Golf Club at the Reserve, Arlington, Texas, Lone Star GCSA
Craig McDonald, Wildhorse Golf Course, David, Calif., Sierra Nevada GCSA
Joe Perry, Eagle's Landing Golf Course, Ocean City, Md., Eastern Short Association of GCS
Mark Petrigione, Gnome's Ridge Golf Club, Beach Park, Ill., Midwest Association of GCS
Kerry Satterwhite, The Den/City of Bloomington, Normal, Ill., Central Illinois GCSA
Jim Scott, Kampen Course—Birch Boilermaker Golf Complex, West Lafayette, Ind., Indiana GCSA
David Soliga, Glen's Ridge Golf Course & Ski Resort, Gilbert, Minn., Minnesota GCSA
Clark Weld, Blue Heron Pines Golf Club, Co- logne, N.J., GCSA of New Jersey
Bruce J. Wallstrom, White Pine National Golf Club, Spruce, Mich., Northern Michigan TMA

**Private**
David Bermudez, MountainGate Country Club, Los Angeles, Calif., GCSA of Southern California
Gerri Buchheit, Killearn Country Club, Tallahassee, Fla., Florida GCSA
F. Dan Dinelli, North Shore Country Club, Northbrook, Ill., Midwest Association of GCS
Jerred Golden, Hershey's Mill Golf Club, West Chester, Pa., Philadelphia Association of GCS
Doug Haasman, Dakota Dunes Country Club, Sioux City, Iowa, GCSA of South Dakota
David L. Johnson, Timarron Country Club, Southlake, Texas, North Texas GCSA
Allan Pulaski, The Landings Club, Savannah, Ga., Georgia GCSA
Rick Togtmeyer, Elmcrest Country Club, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Iowa GCSA
Dr. Stephen B. Tibbles, Segreasanet Country Club, Rehoboth, Mass., Rhode Island GCSA
Russell Vandehey, Oregon Golf Club, West Linn, Ore., Oregon GCSA

**Resort**
Chuck Colton, The Bridges Golf Resort at Casino Magic, Bay St. Louis, Miss., Louisiana/Mississippi GCSA
Timothy Glorioso, Hawthorne Valley at Snowshoe, Snowshoe, W. Va., West Virginia GCSA
Terry Frost, Top of the Rock, Ridgedale, Mo., Ozark Turf Association
Dan Steiger, The Legacy Courses at Cragn' s, Brainerd, Minn., Minnesota GCSA
James B. Sun, SAFRA Resort & Country Club, Singapore, Republic of Singapore (Country, as there is no affiliated chapter in Singapore)

**MERIT WINNERS**

**Public**
Patrick Aaron Blum, Colonial Acres Golf Course, Glenmont, N.Y., Northeastern GCSA
Jerry Cohron Jr., Lassing Points Golf Club, Florence, Ky., Greater Cincinnati GCSA
Barry Greenwalt, Ironwood Municipal Golf Course, Gainesville, Fla., Florida GCSA
James M. Krutilla, Towne Country Club, Edgerton, Wis., Wisconsin GCSA
Frank Rendulic, Kittyhawk Golf Course, Duyton, Ohio, Miami Valley GCSA
Norm Schubert, Brae Lock Golf Course, Grayslake, Ill.
Steven Tiervey, Golfpark Nuolen, Wangen, Switzerland (Country, as there is no affiliated chapter in Switzerland)
Robert Warner, Whispering Pines Golf Course, Myrtle Beach, S.C., Carolinas GCSA

**Private**
Richard Cyone, Tatum Ranch Golf Club, Cave Creek, Ariz.
Michael Crawford, TPC at Sugarloaf, Duluth, Ga., Georgia GCSA
Jeffrey Cuny, Sewickley Heights Golf Club, Sewickley, Pa., Greater Pittsburgh GCSA
Frank Hull, Oak Meadow Country Club, Rolla, Mo., Ozark Turf Association
Scott Jorgensen, Spanish Hills Golf and Country Club, Camarillo, Calif., GCSA of Southern California
Charles "Buddy" Keene II, Gainesville Country Club, Gainesville, Fla., Florida GCSA
Joseph A. Kennedy Jr., Legends Club of Tennessee, Franklin, Tenn., Tennessee GCSA
Dennis P. Petruzzi, Lakeover National Golf Club, Bedford Hills, N.Y., Metropolitan GCSA
Roger A. Stewart Jr., TPC at Jana Polana, Princeton, N.J., GCSA of New Jersey

**Resort**
Charles "Jeff" Hill, Pinehurst No. 8, Village of Pinehurst, N.C., Carolinas GCSA
Thomas Huesgen, The Links at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach, Calif., GCSA of Northern California
Donald Johnson, Garra De Leon Golf Course, Santa Cruz, Costa Rica, Florida GCSA
Patrick McCabe, The Greenbrier Resort, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., West Virginia GCSA

The February edition of Golf Course News will encompass full preview coverage of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America’s (GCSAA) 71st International Golf Course Conference and Show, scheduled for Feb. 14-20 in New Orleans, La.

Included will be profiles of all the superintendents running for office in the GCSAA; the schedule of educational sessions; a rundown on places to go in the Gulf Shores area; a look back on the year of rein for President Dave Fearris; and the announcement of GCN’s Best Builder and Best Small Builder of the Year.