The Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California recently honored its award winners at the 2002 GCSANC Annual Meeting. Certified superintendent Robert Costa, who is vice president of golf course management for the Lombardo Group, was named Superintendent of the Year. Denis Kerr of The Golf Club at Quail Lodge in Carmel, Calif., won the award for Excellence in Turfgrass. Certified superintendent Joseph Rodriguez of Rossmoor (Calif.) GC won the George Santana Distinguished Service Award for his long-time commitment and service to the association. The Affiliate Merit Award was presented to company representative and affiliate member Rex Gentry, of H.V. Carter Co., in Livermore, Calif.

BASF appointed Gerald E. Husemann as senior sales specialist for its turf and ornamental group.

Certified superintendent Bruce Williams of Los Angeles CC established the Williams Leadership Endowment through the GCSAA Foundation. The endowment is intended to support continuing education for superintendents interested in pursuing leadership roles in golf course management at the local or national level.

The Ohio Turfgrass Foundation elected its 2002 slate of officers. They include Mark Heinlein, president of The Motz Group, Cleveland, as president; John Mowat, golf sales director for Century Equipment Co., Toledo, Ohio, as vice president; George Furrer, market sales representative for Lesco, Strongsville, Ohio, as treasurer; and Glen Pettenger, Green Velvet Sod Farms, Bellbrook, Ohio, as a member of the board of directors.

The American Society of Golf Course Architects awarded its 2002 Donald Ross Award to Byron Nelson.

Jeffrey Rutherford was named senior vice president and chief financial officer of Lesco.

Ron Horton was named director of golf at Heritage Rance Golf & CC in Fairview, Texas, by Western Golf Properties. The company also appointed Kimberly Keehly as its director of sales and marketing.

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NOTABLE ACHIEVERS

The following superintendents were recently certified: Steve Jatzat, Lost Dunes GC, Bridgman, Mich.; Sean Van Hoose, Kenton County GC, Independence, Ky.; Glenn White, Campbell's Scottish Highlands, Salem, N.H.; Paul Winterbottom, Quail Point GC, Medford, Ore.; Michael Creech, Northampton Valley CC, Richboro, Pa.; pointed Kimberly Keehly as its director of sales and marketing.

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