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Par Aide Establishes New Scholarship

Through the generosity of Par Aide Products Co., a new scholarship is being made available through the Environmental Institute for Golf. Children and stepchildren of those with five years or more of consecutive GCSAA membership are eligible to apply for the Joseph S. Garske Collegiate Grant Program. Applicants must be planning to attend a postsecondary school or trade school. This award of $2,500 is renewable for a second year with proof of enrollment and a 2.0 grade point average.

In 1996, Par Aide established a scholarship program through the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents’ Association. This new program expands the company’s efforts on a national level as an added benefit to GCSAA members.

Go to www.gcsaa.org/career/pursuing/scholarships/garske/garske.asp for more information and applications, or contact Pam Smith, scholarship and student programs manager, at psmith@gcsaa.org or (800) 472-7878, ext. 678.

Hydrologic Named Authorized Rain Bird Golf Distributor

Last December, Hydrologic Water management Systems inc. was awarded a Distribution Agreement for Rain Bird Golf products in 16 counties of the greater Chicago, Illinois area and Eastern Iowa. This makes Hydrologic the largest land mass distributor for Rain Bird golf in the Continental USA.

Hydrologic has been in the process of consolidating numerous distribution channels in the Midwest in order to perform under the new economic conditions that exist in the golf course industry. Hydrologic now has 15 warehouse locations in eight states.

Plaisted Companies Introduces Early Green Pre-Winter Topdressing

At this year’s Minnesota Green Expo, Plaisted Companies, Inc. introduced Early Green Pre-Winter Topdressing. Applied in the fall or spring, this specially formulated topdressing raises soil and turf temperatures in early spring, expediting spring growth and green-up.

One application in the fall protects greens from harsh winter conditions by capturing and retaining radiant energy especially at times of limited sunlight. Early Green can also be applied during the winter months to melt ice and snow. Spring application helps heal winterkill damage and enhances spring green up.

Brock White Introduces SandMat

SandMat is a product that combines manufacturing, geotechnical and geosynthetics expertise in response to the growing need for improved bunker management techniques. SandMat is an engineered blend of high tenacity polyester fibers bonded to form a thick blanket like matrix specifically designed to prevent infiltration of contaminating fine or coarse subgrade particles, enhance bunker drainage system performance and mitigate washouts enabling steeper bunker designs.

The product is available locally from Brock White Company.

MTI Distributing Co. Introduces New Workman and Pro Core

Healthy Ponds by Bioverse EAC Introduces AquaSphere™

Bioverse® introduces the AquaSphere™, a disposable dispensing system for Healthy Ponds® Pond Cleaner. The AquaSphere is available in/and 1 acres sizes to treat ponds up to 10 acres. Each AquaSphere provides 30 days of continuous treatment to prevent algae.

The AquaSphere is tossed into the pond, and disposable after 30 days, eliminating mixing, spraying or refilling hassles. EAC Solutions is the local distributor, (952) 435-5533 ext. 116.

New for the 2004 Season From Turf Supply Co.

MTI Distributing Partners with TURFCO® and National Mowers®

MTI Distributing now represents both TURFCO and National Mowers throughout Minnesota and North Dakota as well as parts (Continued on Page 21)
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What is your perspective of our state association and what would you change?

I am proud to be a part of the MGCSA. I think that this is the best state to work in and I think that it has to do with the support of all the members of our association. I think that it is well run, and the BOD thinks of the membership when making decisions.

Name your foursome, who would you play with and why?

Adam Sandler: I want to see a 400-yard hole-in-one.
Chris Hovan: Had to put a Viking in here. He is the only one that, I think, would try the whole way through a round.
Phil Mickelson: We could pretend that this is a major and then he would have a good chance of finally winning one.

Additional Comments

Working in the golf industry has been the most fulfilling thing that I have ever done. It has its ups and downs each year but doing anything else would not be as rewarding as working on a golf course. I try to show to everyone that this is a fun, and challenging job. I can’t think of anything better than waking up, watching the sun rise, walking the course and seeing the work that is being done on a daily basis. In this job you can actually see what you have accomplished and it gives you something to be proud of each day you leave work.

Congratulations to Troy Carson

In early February he will begin a new role as a Research Agronomist with The Toro Company. Troy has been an Assistant Scientist at the University of Minnesota working with Drs. Brian Horgan and Don White for the past nine years.

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of South Dakota and Wisconsin. The partnership was announced at the Green Expo in early January, and is effective immediately, “We are excited by the opportunity to sell and service both TURFCO and National,” said Butch Greeninger, Director of Sales and Marketing for MTI. “We are committed to providing the same level of service and support to these lines as our customers have come to count on. We have already stocked parts for these products so customers should not miss a beat.”

John Kinkead, CEO of National Mowers said, “The new partnership between National Mowers and MTI holds great promise in exposing both National’s and MTI’s customers to our complete line of mowing equipment.” This sentiment was echoed by George Kinkhead, the President of TURFCO. “TURFCO is excited by the opportunity to sell and service both TURFCO and National as well as for MTI Distributing.”