

Tim Powers and Crystal Springs Receive ELG Award

Crystal Springs Golf Course in Burlingame, Calif., and its golf course superintendent Tim Powers, have been named chapter winners of the 2002 Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA)/Golf Digest Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards (ELGA).

The ELGA recognizes golf course superintendents and their courses for overall course management excellence in the areas of Resource Conservation, Water Quality Management, Integrated Pest Management, Wildlife/Habitat Management and Education/Outreach.

Listed below is the complete list of GCSAA/Golf Digest winners of 2002 Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards. Winners were named in two national categories (public and private golf courses) and one international category, with an overall winner being selected. Additional recognition was given to the top entry for each GCSAA affiliated chapter, and merit honors were awarded to those who did not earn national or chapter honors, but in the opinion of the judges, deserved special recognition. The national winners include (course and chapter):

Colonial Acres Golf Course in Glenmont, N.Y., and its superintendent, Patrick Blum, have been named the overall winner of the 2002 Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA)/Golf Digest Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards (ELGA).

Blum and Colonial Acres Golf Course will be featured in the May issue of Golf Digest and the February edition of GCSAA's Golf Course Management. Syngenta Professional Products and Rain Bird Corp., are the presenting sponsors of the award.

- **National Public: Patrick Blum**
Colonial Acres Golf Course, Glenmont, N.Y.,
Northeastern Golf Course Super. Association
- **National Private: Scott Whorral**
The Club at Mediterra, Bonita Springs, Fla.,
Everglades Golf Course Super. Association
- **International: Pablo Cornejo**
Robinson, Las Brisas De Chicureo Golf Club,
Santiago, Chile

Golf course superintendents and their courses that were named national, chapter or merit winners were formally recognized Feb. 13 during the Golf General Session at GCSAA's 74th International Golf Course Conference and Show, Feb. 10-15, at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, Ga. In addition, program sponsors each donated to The Environmental Institute for Golf, \$500 each for national winners and \$50 each for chapter winners in the names of all national and chapter winners.

"I applaud the commitment to environmental stewardship displayed by these golf course superintendents and their facilities," said GCSAA President Michael Wallace, CGCS. "We in the golf course management industry know of the great strides that have been made as a result of research and education.

It is a great source of pride that the industry is now being recognized by those in the environmental community, as a model for its concerted

"Since 1995, the editors of Golf Digest, with the help of a balanced panel of judges, have identified courses, individuals and municipalities that are breaking new ground in environmental leadership," said Roger Schiffman, Golf Digest managing editor. "Golf can have a positive effect on a community and we are pleased to join GCSAA in communicating how that happens on the course."

An independent panel of judges equally representing national environmental groups, turfgrass experts, university researchers and members of the golf community conducted the award selection.

The Environmental Leaders in Golf Award recognizes golf course superintendents and their courses for overall course management excellence in the areas of Resource Conservation, Water Quality Management, Integrated Pest Management, Wildlife/Habitat Management and Education/Outreach. In addition, these categories are based on four criteria: sustainability, criticality, originality and technology implementation/use.



In addition to the national winners, 17 chapter winners and nine merit winners were selected from GCSAA's 102 affiliated chapters. 2002 ELGA Chapter Winners

The Environmental Institute of Golf enhances the game of golf through funding applied research and advanced education in golf course management. Since its inception in 1955, The Institute has provided more than \$2 million in support of numerous research studies and more than 1,200 student scholarships.

Since 1926, GCSAA has been the leading professional association for the men and women who manage and maintain golf facilities in the United States and worldwide. From its headquarters in Lawrence, Kan., the association provides education, information and representation to more than 22,000 individual members in more than 65 countries. GCSAA's mission is to serve its members, advance their profession and enhance the enjoyment, growth and vitality of the game of golf.