



## Consider yourself a candidate.

Applications for the 2000 Environmental Steward Awards are available from the May issue of *Golf Course Management*, the GCSAA web site ([www.gcsaa.org](http://www.gcsaa.org)), affiliated chapter presidents, program sponsors and the GCSAA service center (800/472-7878).

*We'll look forward to receiving your application by October 1, 1999.*

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## 2000 ESA Call For Entries

Environmental Steward Awards (ESAs) were made to 37 GCSAA members in 1999. In 2000, such recognition could go to you.

For the eighth year, the ESAs will be presented to GCSAA members around the world who have demonstrated a commitment to environmental stewardship efforts on the golf course. The awards are sponsored by Novartis Turf & Ornamental Products, Rain Bird, Textron Turf Care And Specialty Products with Cushman, Jacobsen, Ransomes and Ryan brands, and Pursell Technologies Inc.

The standardized application form focuses on environmental efforts in the areas of technology use, resource conservation, water quality management, integrated pest management, wildlife/habitat management and education/outreach. Photos, videos and related materials will not be accepted with the entries, but will be later requested from those selected as national and international winners. Superintendents previously recognized as a national winner of the ESAs are not eligible to apply for the 2000 awards *unless* they have moved to a new facility from where the award was made.

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Since 1993, participating sponsors of the ESAs have donated more than \$125,000 to The GCSAA Foundation, and more than 200 golf course superintendents have been recognized.

### The Masters: Go There, Do That

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- Amen Corner.
- Volkswagens buried in the greens. TV doesn't do the elevations justice. The course is so up and down. Old guys—get a hip replacement before you go.
- Wrigley Field scoreboards. There are no electronics and no sponsor signs; everything is done by hand—quaint and really adds to the ambiance.
- The FRONT ROW. Friday morning we are standing in line with the riff raff—you know, the people who flew in on their Lear jets—when Tom Govern, the other pro, says, “Screw this, we don't have to wait” and goes UNDER THE ROPES. I tag along. We walk up to the row of Pinkertons lined up in front of

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the main gate. It's still closed. Tom flashes his card, I fumble mine out and they let us pass! In we go with Brett, Don and Rick scurrying behind. We put our chairs at the rope on the 18th green and spend the afternoon watching play finish right in front of us. It was VERY cool

A note about chairs. They are an absolute requirement. The story is that you can leave a Rolex on your chair at the Masters and it will be there when you get back. I couldn't test the theory because I left my Rolex at home. Anyway, the deal is that you place your chair and walk around; when you get back, your chair is still there. If a chair pirate is sitting there, you tell him to move along and he does. That's how we followed Steve Pate during his record-breaking

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