

Dan Dinelli Receives Scotts Tradition of Excellence Award

To the surprise of no one here in the Midwest, North Shore C.C. superintendent Dan Dinelli has added another feather to his cap: the 2000 Scotts Tradition of Excellence Award. This honor recognizes outstanding achievements among golf course superintendents who are dedicated to advancing the science of course maintenance and making golf the best it can be. Selection for the peer-nominated Scotts Tradition of Excellence Award was based on several criteria: teaching and mentoring experience; leadership; environmental responsibility; research and innovation in cultural or management practices; and professional involvement.

Dan accepted the award in February at the GCSAA's national conference in New Orleans. A news release commented that Dan "continues to build his reputation for excellence in maintenance, not only on the golf course but also through his personal contributions to the profession. Integrated pest management (IPM) and biological pest management are arguably Dinelli's strong suits. As a result, North Shore Country Club was certified in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program in 1998. The club was a regional winner in 1998 and a Mid-Continent Region winner in

1999 and 2000 of the Environmental Steward Award . . . Dinelli, along with the North Shore Country Club, is also involved in turfgrass research. In 1997, a putting green was built at the club to evaluate bentgrass varieties for sponsors GCSAA, USGA and NTEP . . . In conjunction with the University of Illinois, Dinelli has conducted research on different composts used on turfgrass and locally, he serves on the Illinois Turfgrass Research Review Committee. Sharing his experiences with students and peers is also important to Dinelli. Each year, he teaches a

seminar on golf course management at Harper College and has provided leadership for the college's Park Management and Horticulture Advisory Committee for the past 15 years. His writing is often published in the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents' monthly magazine as well as in trade publications such as *Golf Course Management*, *IPM Practitioner*, *Biocycle* and *TurfNet Monthly*."

On behalf of the MAGCS—congratulations, Dan, on a well-deserved honor.



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