

# Michael Bavier Receives GCSAA's Distinguished Service Award

*The Board of Directors of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) presented our own Michael Bavier with GCSAA's 2000 Distinguished Service Award (DSA) during last month's national conference in New Orleans.*

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Superintendent at Palatine's Inverness Golf Club, Mike is a past president of the MAGCS (1975), served on the GCSAA Board of Directors and was president of the GCSAA in 1981. He currently volunteers on the Chicago District Golf Association's Turfgrass Research Advisory Board. In this role, he contributes to educational seminars and workshops and provides input into the direction of turfgrass research. Together with Gordon Witteveen, retired golf course superintendent and past GCSAA director and Leo Feser award recipient, Mike has traveled around the world presenting seminars on the fundamentals of golf course management. The success of these seminars led to the publication of their book, *Practical Golf Course Maintenance*, in 1998. Mike has been a GCSAA member for 33 years, and has been certified since 1976.

"The (GCSAA) Board of Directors takes great pride in acknowledging Michael Bavier for . . . outstanding leadership and commitment to advancing the superintendent profession," said GCSAA president Dave Fearis, CGCS.



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