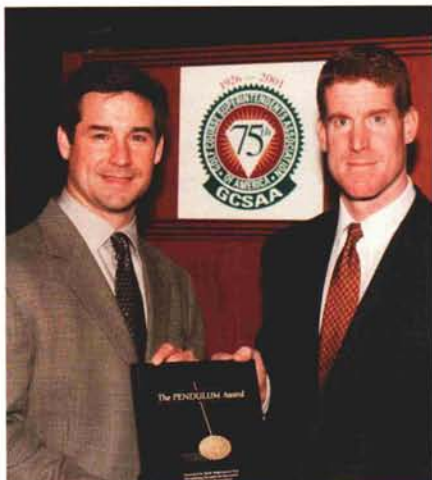


Jon Jennings Receives Pendulum Award for Innovative Golf Course Superintendent



Jon Jennings, CGCS (right) accepts the Pendulum Award, which is cosponsored by GCSAA and BASF Corporation.

Jonathan Jennings, CGCS, superintendent at Chicago Golf Club, was selected recently as the winner of the third annual Pendulum Award, presented at the 2002 Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's International Golf Course Conference and Show.

The award, cosponsored by GCSAA and BASF Corporation, recognizes golf course superintendents nationwide who have demonstrated outstanding ingenuity in golf course management.

Jennings was selected based on his work involving sand topdressing for fairways and how it can improve turf. (Editor's note: See our March 2002 issue for an excellent article Jon authored on this very topic!)

BASF presented Jennings with an engraved plaque bearing the image of a forward-swinging pendulum symbolizing his forward-thinking concept. William Strickland, marketing manager for BASF's Turf and Ornamental group, said: "We believe

that sharing new and proven ideas among superintendents is key to the growth of the golf industry. It gives us a real pleasure to recognize Mr. Jennings for the unique and innovative contribution he has made to this professional community."

"I'm extremely pleased to be selected for this recognition," said Jennings. "Like all golf course superintendents, my main interest is creating the best environment for our players and to promote the interests of the community. I hope that my peers can find equal value in the approaches I've taken at Chicago Golf Club."



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on-budget. The shrimp even lasted for close to an hour (the absence of the Czerkies children being a contributing factor to the longevity of the shrimp). These were two wonderful evenings for MAGCS members to enjoy some good food and drink. If you're curious, this year's room's cost over the two nights amounted to just over \$34,000. I know many of you want to know the tab on the beverage service. Totals for Wednesday night

are as follows: 406 cocktails, 65 glasses of wine, 600 bottles domestic beer, 202 bottles import beer, 26 mineral waters and 128 soft drinks. With tax and gratuity, the total was \$7,237.36. This does not include food for the night. As you can see, hosting a hospitality room is not cheap, and if not for the generosity of the sponsors, the room would not be a success. I can only hope that we would have had our suite in a city

where there are not two Omnis so my wife could have found the room easier, although she did make a lot of new friends at the Club Car room. That's enough about the conference. The season is upon us and it's time to get going.

Hope to see you all at Tamarack later this month!

