

MAGCS Members Chamberlin, Dinelli Win 2002 Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards

The GCSAA/Golf Digest *Environmental Leaders in Golf Award (ELGA)* recognizes the environmental stewardship efforts of the golf course superintendent at an individual facility. Syngenta Professional Products and Rain Bird Corp., Golf Division are the presenting sponsors of the award.

In 2002, 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.

Midwest members Russ E. Chamberlin, Countryside Golf Club, Mundelein, IL, and Dan Dinelli, CGCS, North Shore Country Club, Glenview, IL were among 17 chapter winners selected from among

GCSAA's 102 affiliated chapters. Chamberlin earned the 2002 ELGA for facilities in the public sector, Dinelli for facilities in the private sector.

This year's national winners include (course and chapter):

- National Public: Patrick Blum, Colonial Acres Golf Course, Glenmont, NY, Northeastern Golf Course Superintendents Association.
- National Private: Scott Whorral, The Club at Mediterra, Bonita Springs, FL, Everglades Golf Course Superintendents 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 February 13 during the Golf General Session at GCSAA's 74th International Golf Course Conference and Show in Atlanta, GA.

"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 and collaborative efforts in this area."

"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.



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