## New York group cites Oak Hill CC super Hahn

The New York State Turfgrass Association presented the Citation of Merit to Oak Hill Country Club superintendent Joseph Hahn and gave \$20,000 in grants and donations to turfgrass research and education.

Meanwhile Stephen Smith of Buckner Sprinkler Co. in Thompsonville took over the reins as president from William B. Stark III and declared that education and the environment would be the keys to his administration.

Declaring that one of his goals is the education of NYSTA members, the general public and state legislators. Smith said the future of the green industry and the environment is a major concern for the 1990s. Balancing these concerns will continue to be difficult, he said, and NYSTA must commit a strong leadership role.

Industry is in a position to help state lawmakers create the best legislation to protect and enhance the environment while maintaining turf to enjoy, Smith said.

Smith heads a slate of officers that includes Vice President Michael Maffei of Back 'O Beyond in Brewster and Secretary-Treasurer Timothy Madden of Mt. Snow, Ltd.

Hahn was recognized for his work to educate turfgrass profes-

sionals and his "meticulous effort to advance turfgrass culture."

Hahn began work maintaining golf courses at the age of 14, and at 18 became assistant superintendent at Brookfield Country Club in Buffalo.

In 1963 he accepted the greens superintendent position at Braemar Country Club in Rochester where the second nine holes were then built.

While superintendent at Locust Hill Country Club from 1967 to 1983 he was awarded the first Superintendent of the Year Award by his peers in the Finger Lakes Association of Golf Course Superintendents in both 1970 and 1984, and was in charge of the grounds during six LPGA tournaments.

In 1983 Hahn moved to Oak Hill, which hosted the U.S. Senior Open in 1984 and the U.S. Open in 1989.

NYSTA officials said the organization was "proud to honor one of its members who inspires such respect and regard from the entire industry. He is a wonderful example to all who know him."

NYSTA officials said the bulk of the \$20,000 contributed was raised at four Poa Annua Golf Tournaments sponsored by golf course superintendents' associations across the state last fall. Proceeds were donated to turfgrass research during the annual Turf and Grounds Exposition at the end of the year

At the annual meeting plaques were presented to Stark, of Turf Renovations in Homer, for contributions during his presidency and as an officer and director for six years; Steve Moffett III as a director for 13 years; Richard Canale as a director for six years; and Joseph Laubenstein, who served as secretary-treasurer from 1987-89 and as a director from 1983-87.

Serving as directors in 1990 are Eugene R. Bowler Jr. of Green Gene's Inc. in Port Washington; J.R. Brundage of Brundage Lawn Maintenance in Medina; Thomas Corell of J&L Adikes in Jamaica; John Fik of Park Ridge Hospital in Rochester; Steve Griffen of Saratoga Sod Farm in Stillwater; John Liburdi of Heritage Park in Loudonville; Karl Olson of National Golf Links in Southampton; Tom Strain of Vestal Hills Country Club in Binghamton; and Stark.

### GWAA chooses Linda Craft, Boatwright

The Golf Writers Association of America will honor Linda Craft and P.J. Boatwright Jr. this spring, presenting Boatwright the William Richardson Award and Craft the Ben Hogan Award.

Craft, who was runner-up to Sally Little for the Hogan Award last year, will be honored at the GWAA's Masters Tournament dinner in April. She was followed in the balloting by Pat Bradley and Jim Nelford.

Boatwright edged out Tom Watson, who was followed in the voting by Joe Jemsek, Deane Beman and Tony Jacklin. He will receive his award at the GWAA's annual diner at the U.S. Open in Chicago in June.

The organization's Players of the Year — Tom Kite, Betsy King and Bob Charles — will be presented their awards at the Masters dinner, Dinah Shore Open and a Senior Tour event, respectively.

Kite received more votes than the other seven Male Player of the Year candidates combined and King was a walk-away winner over six other female players, but Charles won a close vote edging out Orville Moody. Nine other Seniors were in the balloting.

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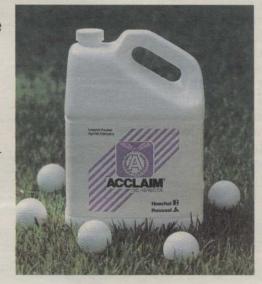
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