

Kubota earns engineering award

COMPTON, Calif. — Kubota Tractor Corporation's FZ2100 front mower was recently named to the "Agricultural Engineering 50," an annual list — published by *Agricultural Engineering* magazine — recognizing outstanding innovation in products and systems. The FZ2100 was featured in the September issue.

Featuring the combination of zero diameter turn and auto assist differential four-wheel

drive, the 20-hp FZ2100 was recognized in the "AE 50" for outstanding engineering quality and for best addressing current market needs.

Each year a panel of engineering experts selects the "AE 50" from a pool of nominations from various agricultural-related companies. *Agricultural Engineering* is published by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers.



Bill Ryan



Bob Finkenbiner



Susan Randolph



Dennis Wagner

Rain Bird Maxi certification now GCSAA accredited

GLENDORA, Calif. — Rain Bird's Maxi Certification has received GCSAA accreditation. The GCSAA has approved requests to issue Continuing Education Units (CEU) credit upon successful completion of the exam covering levels 1 and 2. The Maxi program began in August, 1991, and was designed to help golf course superintendents become more proficient in the

daily use of their irrigation control systems. For more information on the Maxi Certification Program, call 818-852-7227.

••• Rain Bird recently awarded \$500 in scholarships to winners of the 1992 Golf Design Competition, held at Mississippi State University. During a golf course architecture class, students representing golf management, agronomy and landscape architecture organized into teams that designed complete golf course projects.

••• Dennis Wagner has been appointed golf manager for the Golf Division of Rain Bird Sales, Inc. In his new position, Wagner is responsible for the sale, specification and service of all golf course irrigation products in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee and Alabama.

••• Bob Finkenbiner has been named controller brand manager for the Golf Division of Rain Bird. In his new position, Finkenbiner will be responsible for all golf controller product development, maintenance of the line, and market planning. He has previously been the division's product manager.

••• Pat Loper has been appointed customer technical support manager for the Golf Division. In his new position, Loper will provide technical assistance to Rain Bird customers and take responsibility for supplying the division with updated technical product information. Prior to joining the Golf Division, Loper was the corporate parts service manager.

••• Susan Randolph has been named customer service technical assistant for the Golf Division. Her position is two-fold: She will handle technical calls and customer service issues, including order entry. Prior to joining the golf team, Randolph supported the Residential Technical Service Department desk.

••• In other Rain Bird news, Jim Gamble and Bill Ryan have been given the Outstanding Performance Award, the highest corporate honor bestowed by the irrigation manufacturer. They received this award for their leadership of the Eagle Team, a special group assembled to create a new Eagle series golf rotor. Gamble handled the engineering and production, while Ryan represented the marketing side. Under their direction, a major new product was developed in record time, utilizing a cross-functional team in a concurrent engineering effort.



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