

Superintendents honored as Environmental Stewards

Winners of the third annual Environmental Steward Awards have been announced by sponsors Ciba Turf and Ornamental Products, Rain Bird, the Jacobsen Division of Textron and new sponsor Lebanon Turf Products.

The companies also announced a donation of more than \$22,000 to the Golf Course Superintendents Association of

America (GCSAA) Foundation. The number of entrants increased for the second straight year, this time by more than 20 percent.

The Environmental Steward Award program was created to recognize golf course superintendents and golf courses for their work to protect and/or enhance their local environments. For example, some past winners

were recognized for overall course management excellence, outstanding programs to maximize pesticide and fertilizer efficacy, and irrigation and equipment efficiency, as well as wildlife preservation and enhancement.

All entries are reviewed by an independent panel of judges selected for their expertise in environmental issues and turfgrass management.

"With the high quality of entries and increased competition, winning an Environmental Steward Award has become one of

the top honors for superintendents," said Joseph Baidy, CGCS, president of the GCSAA. "We thank Ciba, Rain Bird, Jacobsen and Lebanon for their continued support of this important program."

The Award structure also accounts for donations to the GCSAA Foundation in the names of all national and regional winners: \$500 each for national winners and \$50 each for regional winners. In addition, all four sponsoring companies donate \$5,000 to the Foundation.

The judges for this year's competition were: Dr. Lee Berndt, certified professional agronomist; Dan Farrier, irrigation planning and design specialist; Dr. Bob Robertson, North Carolina State University; and Ron Dodson, New York State Audubon Society.

For more information about the Environmental Steward Award, contact: Environmental Steward Award, c/o Ceres Communications, 421 West Travelers Trail, Burnsville, MN 55337, tel. 612-894-2412/Fax: 612-894-2423.

And the winners are...

Environmental Steward Awards were given in three categories: public, private and resort golf courses.

The national winners in each category are:

Private — William T. "Tim" Hiers, CGCS, Collier's Reserve Country Club, Naples, Fla.

Public — Timothy Kelly, The Village Links of Glen Ellyn, Glen Ellyn, Ill.

Resort — Edward C. Horton, CGCS/Michael Jess Pifferini, The Links at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach, Calif.

In addition, there may be as many as 24 regional winners, one public, private and resort winner each in all seven United States Golf Association regions, plus Canada. This year, 10 winners were selected from the United States and two from Canada:

Northeastern region — Steven Malikowski, CGCS, Cape May National Golf Club (public), Erma, N.J.

Mid-Atlantic region — Jerry Coldiron Jr., CGCS, Lassing Pointe Golf Course (public), Union, Ky.

Southeastern region — Tom Schlick, Marriott's Golf Club at Shiloh Falls (resort), Pickwick Dam, Tenn.

Florida region — Darren Davis, Olde Florida Golf Club (private), Naples, Fla.

Great Lakes region — Larry D. Mueller, Minnesota Valley Country Club (private), Bloomington, Minn.

Western region — Edward Lee Price, The Coeur D'Alene Resort Golf Course (resort), Coeur D'Alene, Idaho.

Tom Janning, Rosewood Lakes Golf Course (public), Reno, Nev.

Mid-Continent region — Mike Burris, CGCS, Bay Oaks Country Club (private), Houston, Texas.

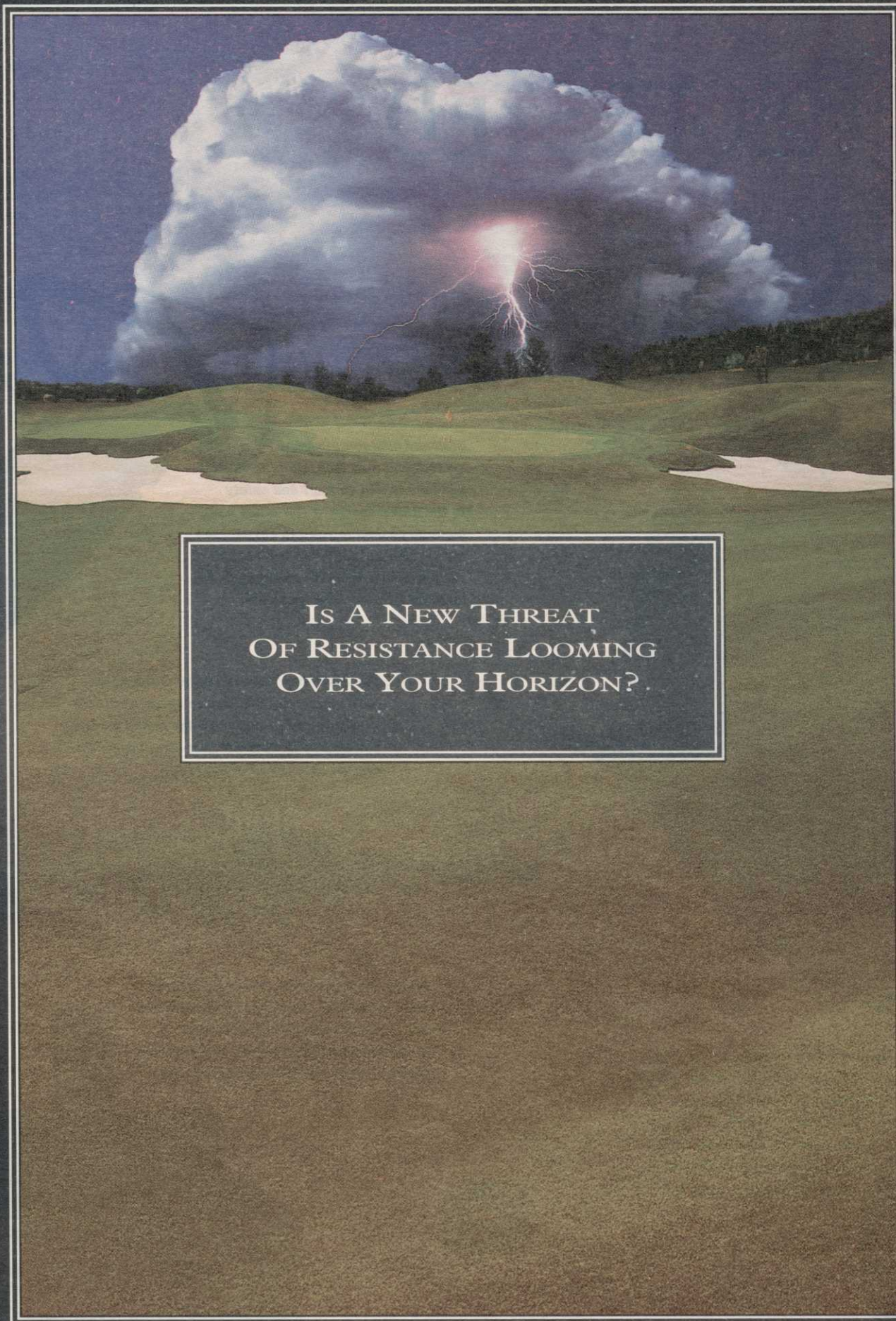
Frank Hutcheson, Mesquite Golf Course (public), Mesquite, Texas.

Dale Miller, Barton Creek Resorts & Clubs (resort), Austin, Texas.

Canadian region — Greg Williams, Cranberry Resort Golf Course (resort), Collingwood, Ontario

Paul Dermott, CGCS, Oakdale

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