

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.

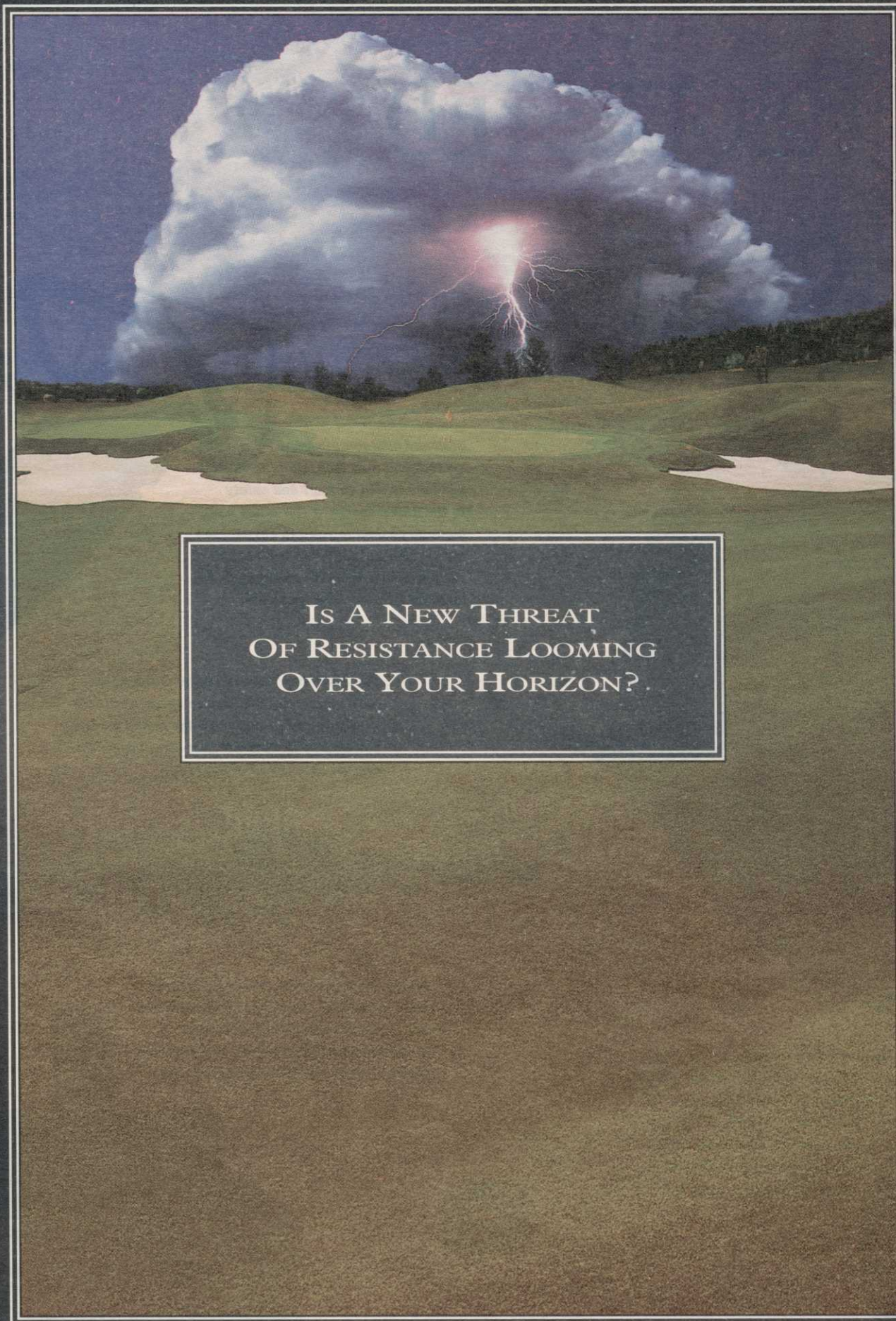
Frank Hutcheson, Mesquite Golf Course (public), Mesquite, Texas.

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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IS A NEW THREAT
OF RESISTANCE LOOMING
OVER YOUR HORIZON?

Firms donate to Delhi College

DELHI, N.Y. — The State University College of Technology at Delhi's approach to preparing students for careers as golf superintendents is drawing industry support from around the country.

• Buckner/Hunter of Fresno, Calif., donated a COPS Genesis computerized irrigation system and all its components; Lofts Seed Co. of Bound Brook, N.J., contributed all the seed for greens and mounding; Dakota Peat and Blenders of

Grand Forks, N.D., agreed to offer greens blending and mixes at significantly reduced prices; AgriTurf Inc. of Hatfield, Mass., and Seed Research Inc. committed seed to cover all tees and some fairways; Hancor of Waverly, N.Y. donated 2,000 feet of drainage piping and systems and will provide the remaining 9,000 feet at reduced cost; and Commercial Pump of Swanton, Ohio, made provisions to supply a pump station at cost.

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reports attendee Phil Arnold, executive director of the Golf Course Builders Association of America.

"They sent us a lot of receptive signals that they're interested in finding out more. They were surprised and encouraged by what golf has already done in regards to being an environmentally sound activity.

"The education and so forth have to start somewhere — and the best place is at the top. If we can persuade and educate the

leaders of as many environmental organizations as possible, it will trickle down. If some guy gets an article across his desk some day that's inflammatory about golf, he might say, 'This is not really the story on golf.' "

The first Environmental Summit was a great first step. But let's remember it was simply that: A first step.

Further, assembling a group of people to represent the entire golf industry — or the entire environmental movement — is next to impossible, notes Paul Parker of the Center for Resource Management, the orga-

nization that facilitated the meeting. In other words, not everyone walks in lockstep with Courtney Cuff and Tim Hiers.

There will be plenty of disputes down the road. The Sierra Club is a long way from buying a corporate tent at the U.S. Open.

However, progress — slow though it may be — is being made.

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Two quick things before I forget:

First, get your hands on the most recent U.S. Golf Association (USGA) Green Section *Record*. The January/February issue reports on every USGA research project now underway. It's a wealth of information. Call Jim Snow or Dr. Kimberly Erusha for subscription information (908-234-2300).

Second, there's a small story on page 4 this month detailing the election of new officers at the National Golf Foundation (NGF). Go read it. I'll wait...

Look at the diversity of the new NGF board! A club management guy (ClubCorp's Robert Johnson) will soon ascend to the chair and sources tell me an individual facility operator won't be too far behind.

If this keeps up, critics will be loath to peg the NGF as strictly a manufacturers trade association.

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Golf & Country Club (private), Downsview, Ontario.

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Finally, merit winners may be named on the quality of entries competition within regions and other criteria. This year, 15 entries from the U.S. and one from Canada were named as merit winners:

Daniel P. Higgins, Winchester Country Club, Winchester, Mass.; Kevin Pryseski, CGCS, Cattail Creek Country Club, Glenwood, Md.; Frank A. Rendulic, CGCS, Kittyhawk Golf Center, Dayton, Ohio; Gregg Rosenthal, Little Bennett Golf Course, Clarksburg, Md.; John R. Johnson III, Arrowhead Golf Course, Mebane, N.C.; David S. Downing II, CGCS, Wild Wing Plantation, Myrtle Beach, S.C.; John FitzGibbons, Meadows Golf Club, Littleton, Colo.; Terry Concannon, CGCS, Heritage Park Golf Course, Olathe, Kan.; Michael V. Giuffre, Tournament Players Club of Michigan, Dearborn, Mich.; Randall L. Staton, CGCS, The Hawthorns Golf & Country Club, Fishers, Ind.; Tim Johnson, Glen Oaks Country Club, West Des Moines, Iowa; James A. Johnson, CGCS, Rail Golf Club, Springfield, Ill.; Paul Ellwood, Club Terravita Golf Course, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Ross J. O'Fee, The Springs Club, Rancho Mirage, Calif.; Thomas E. McDonald, Gold Canyon Resort, Apache Junction, Ariz.; and Paul Seenna, Burlington Golf & Country Club, Burlington, Ontario.

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