

## 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.

## Phillips comment

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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.

## Steward winners

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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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