

Supers partners in Pesticide Stewardship Program

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America has been formally accepted as a partner in the federal government's Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP) when a strategy submitted by GCSAA for reducing pesticide risk on golf courses was approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

PESP is a voluntary public/private partnership program sponsored by the EPA, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The partners work together to develop programs that protect human health and preserve the environment by reducing the risks associ-

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ated with pesticide use.

GCSAA was eligible to become a partner in this program as an association representing pesticide users. GCSAA submitted a strategy of research, education and communication programs that demonstrates golf course superintendents' commitment to environmentally sound turf management choices, furthering the goals of the EPA and its sister agencies in the program.

GCSAA's research, education and com-

munication strategies are designed to increase the use of safer pest management products and practices to reduce risk to humans and the environment. Research will support the development of safer products and reveal new practices and technologies that reduce pesticide risk. Educated golf course superintendents will be more aware of the risks of pesticide use and be better equipped to manage pests safely and cost-effectively.

The United States Golf Association and Professional Lawn Care Association of America are among other green industry organizations involved in PESP.

Writers contest winners announced

Bruce R. Williams, president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America has announced the winners of the association's 10th annual Golf Writers Awards competition.

The article chosen by the judges for first place was "The Tradition of the Tribe," which was written by Dave Anderson and appeared in the June 1995 edition of *Golf Digest*. Anderson will receive an engraved recognition plaque and a cash prize of \$1,000.

The second place prize of \$600 went to Mark Leslie for his story, "Courses, super withered by drought," which appeared in *Golf Course News*, October 1995.

The third-place award of \$400 went to Bob Labbanca for his article, "With the World Watching," published in the November 1995 edition of *Turf* magazine.

GCSAA's Golf Writers Awards competition recognizes writers for journalistic talent and effectiveness in informing the public about golf course management and the golf course superintendent's profession. Only articles and columns published in 1995 were eligible. The contest drew more than 30 qualified entries. The annual contest is open only to members of the Golf Writers Association of America (GWAA).

Supers/players in int'l tourney

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Ga.; GCSAA golf champion Jim Dusch, superintendent at Atlanta National Golf Club in Alpharetta, Ga.; and Vice President of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of Southern California Samuel Williamson of Ojai Valley Inn & Country Club in Ojai, Calif.

Nichols, Dusch and Williamson have been selected by the GCSAA board of directors based on their ability to represent the association as international ambassadors and on their golf ability.

"In our profession, like many others, communication is the key," said Williams. "Participating in this match will give us another opportunity to exchange ideas and learn how other turf organizations are handling the common challenges we face."

The balance of the Americas team will consist of four representatives of the Canadian Golf Superintendents Association and two representatives from the Argentina Greenkeepers Association.

The opposing team, from the Eastern Hemisphere, will be composed of four representatives each from the Australian, Spanish, Germany and Swedish greenkeepers associations.

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BEST 18 GOLF GREENS IN NORTH AMERICA

Nominees:

Old Overton Club - Vestavia Hills, AL
 Club Terravita - Scottsdale, AZ
 Diamante CC - Hot Springs Village, AR
 Northview Golf & CC - Cloverdale, BC
 Nicklaus North at Whistler - Whistler, BC
 Brentwood CC - Brentwood, CA
 Silver Creek Valley CC - San Jose, CA
 Granite Bay Golf Club - Granite Bay, CA
 Sun City - Roseville - Roseville, CA
 Legacy Ridge at Westminster - Westminster, CO
 The Club at Cordillera - Edwards, CO
 Fox Hollow at Lakewood - Lakewood, CO
 Legends at Chateau Elan - Braselton, GA
 Lanier Golf Club - Cumming, GA
 Glen Oaks CC - W. Des Moines, IA
 Point Sebago Resort & CC - Casco, ME
 Cattail Creek CC - Glenwood, MD
 North Course at Stonehedge - Augusta, MI
 White Pine National GC - Hubbard Lake, MI
 CC of Lincoln - Lincoln, NE
 Sand Hills Golf Club - Mullen, NE
 Lightning "W" Ranch - Carson City, NV
 The Club at Genoa Lakes - Genoa, NV
 Santa Ana GC - Bernalillo, NM
 CC of Purchase - Purchase, NY
 Oak Hill CC - Rochester, NY
 Greenville CC - Greenville, NC
 Karsten Creek Golf Club - Stillwater, OK
 Oaks CC - Tulsa, OK
 Wyncote CC - Oxford, PA
 Bluegrass Yacht & CC - Hendersonville, TN
 Creekview Golf Club - Crandall, TX
 Denton CC - Denton, TX
 Turtle Hill GC - Muenster, TX
 Ridgewood CC - Waco, TX
 Sunrise GC - El Paso, TX
 Royal Virginia Golf Club - Louisa, VA
 James River CC - Newport News, VA
 Tri-Mountain GC - Ridgefield, WA
 Sumner Meadows GC - Sumner, WA
 North Bellingham GC - Bellingham, WA
 The Bog - Saukville, WI

Bruce Hospes
 Paul Ellwood
 Mandel Brockinton
 Jon Clark
 Darren Burns
 Mark Condos
 Nick Checklenis
 Jim Ferrin
 John Martin
 Scott Tuggle
 Tim Taagen
 Don Tolson
 Mike Brisbois
 Pat Stewart
 Tim Johnson
 Gerry White
 Kevin Pryseski
 Charlie Scott
 Bruce Wolfrom
 Charlie Hadwick
 Keith Nordick
 Tom Unruh
 Jed Anderson
 Gary Hodge
 Robert Miller
 Joe Hahn
 Bob Young
 Steve Wilcoxon
 Leon Stroike
 Mark Del Santro
 Jim Hinchman
 Jordan Eldredge
 Merlin Tielkemeier
 Danny Arena
 John Andersen
 Tom Broom
 Maurie Shields
 Jesse Parsons
 Dan Bierscheid
 Lee Anderson
 Rich Jahnke
 Pat Shaw

In our search to find the very best Providence, SR 1020 and Dominant creeping bentgrass greens, these golf courses and superintendents were nominated as the very best in North America. From these names, a winner will be judged, and awarded a trip to the 1997 International Turfgrass Conference in Sydney, Australia!

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Regional Finalists will be announced in next month's issue of this publication.

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Good Luck to all of our nominees!

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