

## Environmental Steward applications available

BURNSVILLE, Minn. — Application forms are available for the 1996-97 Environmental Steward Award program. Ciba Turf & Ornamental Products, Rain Bird, Jacobsen Division of Textron Inc., and new sponsor Pursell Industries, Inc. encourage golf course superintendents to enter the program and be recognized for their environmental achievements. The application deadline is Oct. 31.

Environmental Steward Award program winners will be recognized at an award ceremony during the Government and Environmental General Session at the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) International Golf Course Conference & Show next February in Las Vegas.

In the previous four years of the competition, the Environmental Steward Award sponsors have donated more than \$70,000 to The GCSAA Foundation.

"The Environmental Steward Award sponsors are the driving force behind this very important recognition program," said Bruce R. Williams, president of GCSAA. "We salute Ciba, Rain Bird, Jacobsen and Pursell for their vision, and we look forward to carrying on this tradition of recognizing environmental excellence into the next century."

Entry forms are available from any of the sponsors, program coordinator Ceres Communications, in the August issue of *Golf Course Management*, or on two sponsor web sites. The web site addresses that contain the entry form are the GCSAA site at <http://www.gcsaa.org/gcsaa> and Rain Bird's site at <http://www.rainbird.com/rbgolf>.

An independent panel of judges, selected for their expertise on environmental issues and turfgrass management, reviews the entries. Awards are given in three categories: public, private and resort courses. One national winner is selected in each.

In addition, there may be as many as 21 U.S. regional winners: one public, private and resort winner in each of the seven U.S. Golf Association regions. There also may be three winners each in Canada and internationally. Merit winners may be selected at the discretion of the judges.

In 1995-96, 39 golf course superintendents received Environmental Steward Awards, which were created to recognize golf course superintendents and golf courses for their work to protect and enhance their local environments. Past winners have been recognized for overall course management excellence; outstanding programs to maximize pesticide and fertilizer efficacy; irrigation and equipment efficiency; and wildlife preservation and enhancement.

Benefits for national winners include a \$500 donation to The GCSAA Foundation in their name, a personalized plaque, a specially designed seal for display purposes, a traveling trophy, the opportunity to be highlighted in *Golf Course Management* and introduced during the Government and Environmental General Session at GCSAA's International Golf Course Conference & Show.

## Audubon certifies The Club at Seabrook Island

SEABROOK ISLAND, S.C. — The Club at Seabrook Island has achieved designation as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary by the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System. The Club at Seabrook Island is the first in South Carolina and the 75th course in the nation to receive the honor.

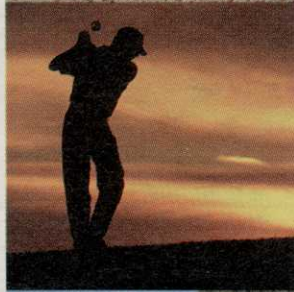
Allan Pulaski, superintendent of The Club at Seabrook Island, said achieving full certification "is a great achievement for The Club at Seabrook Island."

Becoming certified is an example of the dedication that is provided by the golf maintenance staff and the club's membership to

maintain its golf courses with an emphasis to protect and enhance its surrounding environment."

Golf courses "provide recreation for golfers and greenspace for the environment," said Pulaski.

"As a superintendent," he added, "I need to present a golf facility that provides quality playing conditions to the golfer. Simultaneously, environmental programs need to be implemented that will allow for the continued protection and enhancement for the golf courses' sensitive environment and its ecological system."



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