

Platinum Tee Clubbers renew memberships backing Foundation

LAS VEGAS — The Metedeconk National Golf Club, the John Deere Company, the Greater Detroit Golf Course Superintendents Association (GCSA) and the Minnesota GCSA have renewed their Platinum Tee Club memberships through recent donations to The GCSAA Foundation.

The Platinum Tee Club is the premier support organization The GCSAA Foundation, which is committed to advancing scientific developments in golf course management, providing educational opportunities for member superintendents and turfgrass students and preserving the history of the profession.

The Platinum Tee Club consists of GCSAA affiliate chapters, industry partners, golf associations and golf facilities that contribute more than \$5,000 annually to support the programs administered by The Foundation. As one of The GCSAA Foundation's most successful

benefactors, the Robert Trent Jones Invitational Golf Championship at Metedeconk National Golf Club in Jackson, N.J., made its largest contribution ever last summer following its eighth annual tournament. A record field of 34 teams helped the 1996 event approach the \$50,000 mark in net proceeds.

"The tournament was conceived by [Metedeconk founder] Richard Sambol, who transformed Metedeconk from a dream to reality," said Steve Cadenelli, formerly superintendent at Metedeconk who is now the superintendent at Cape Cod National Golf Club in Brewster, Mass. "It's his way of recognizing the role that the superintendent plays in developing the vision of the architect."

Cadenelli, the Sambol Family and Metedeconk National Golf Club received special Lifetime Achievement Awards from the Association at GCSAA's 68th International Golf Course Conference and Show in Las Vegas.

The John Deere Company contributed more than \$14,000 from its 10th-annual John Deere Team Championship in Newport Coast, Calif., last fall. The Greater Detroit GCSA and the Minnesota GCSA each contributed \$5,000 to The GCSAA Foundation. The Greater Detroit GCSA has been a member of the Platinum Tee Club since 1995, and the Minnesota GCSA has been a member since 1994.

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