

Davis awarded '98 Leo Feser

Darren Davis, superintendent at Olde Florida Golf Club in Naples, Fla., will be presented with the 1998 Leo Feser Award on Feb. 4 at the Opening Session of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's (GCSAA) 69th International Golf Course Conference and Show in Anaheim, Calif.

The annual GCSAA award honors the most outstanding superintendent-authored article, published in the association's monthly magazine, *Golf Course Management (GCM)*. The winner's name is engraved on a plaque for display at GCSAA headquarters in Lawrence, Kan.

GCSAA's Publications Committee selected Davis' article, titled "Sowing the Seeds of Knowledge," which was published in the December 1996 issue of GCM. The piece provided methods by which superintendents can teach school children about environmental principles. Davis said he was encouraged to write the article because golf course superintendents are the people most responsible for educating the public about the environmental benefits of golf courses.

"I have made an attempt to educate as many people as I can on the benefits that a golf course provides," Davis said. "It's a subject I feel strongly about, and have consequently given many school tours at Olde Florida and have gone to many classrooms to give slide presentations. One of my goals was to help fellow superintendents understand the value of this task."

A GCSAA member for eight years and a graduate of the Penn State's turfgrass management program, Davis has been at Olde Florida since 1992. He has also served as an apprentice superintendent at Augusta National and assistant superintendent at The Loxahatchee Club in Jupiter, Fla.

The award honors Leo Feser,

a pioneer golf course superintendent and a charter member of GCSAA. Feser is credited with keeping the association's official publication alive during the Great Depression. For three years, he wrote, edited, assembled and published each issue of the magazine from his home in Wayzata, Minn.

MacCurrach honored with scholarship fund

Allan MacCurrach, senior agronomist for the PGA Tour until his death at age 57 on Jan. 14, 1997, will be honored through the annual Allan MacCurrach Memorial Scholarship, announced by the PGA Tour and the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).

The MacCurrach Memorial Scholarship, consisting of two \$2,500 awards, will be given each year to the second- and third-ranking scholars in the annual GCSAA Scholars Competition. The top scholar is named winner

of the Mendenhall Award, given in memory of the late Chet Mendenhall, who served as GCSAA President in 1948 and was a charter member of the association.

The GCSAA Scholars Competition, administered by the

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