

## Iowa GCSA elects Otter Creek's Verrips president

DES MOINES, Iowa — The Iowa Golf Course Superintendents Association (IGCSA), meeting at the 64th Annual Iowa Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show here, has elected Thomas Verrips of Otter Creek Golf Course in Ankeny as its new president.

Verrips is joined on the board

by Vice President Dennis Watters of Fort Dodge Country Club; Northeast Director Steve Fagerlind of Beaver Hills Country Club in Cedar Falls; and Northwest Director Russ Appel of Briggs Woods Golf Course in Webster City.

Serving in the second year of two-year terms are Southeast

District's Mark Henson of Ottumwa Municipal Golf Course and Southwest District's Gerald Studer of Harlan Golf & Country Club.

Superintendent of the Year was awarded to Tim Westland of Thunderhills Country Club in Peosta.

Assistant Superintendent of

the Year was awarded to Mark Pierce of Beaver Hills Country Club in Cedar Falls.

Distinguished Service Award was given to Dr. Mike Agnew, regional research and development manager for Novartis, and Doug Snook of Waverly Municipal Golf Course.

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Award was presented to Steve Fagerlind of Beaver Hills Country Club.

The IGCSA awarded \$4,000 in scholarships. Winners were Jeff Wendel of Iowa State University (ISU), \$1,000; Brandon Smith of KCC, \$700; John Lavelle and Diane Tewes of ISU, \$500 each; Brad Bird of ISU, \$400; Aaron Patton of ISU, \$300; and Janelle Kracht, Chad Wilson and Mark Howieson of ISU, \$200 apiece.

## Carolinas elect Garrett, board

CLEMSON, S.C. — Donald C. Garrett Jr. of Dataw Island Club in Beaufort was elected president of the Carolinas Golf Course Superintendents Association during its winter business meeting here.

Vice President Joel A. Ratcliff of Sedgefield Country Club in Greensboro, N.C., joined Garrett on the board along with Treasurer David S. Downing II of Wild Wing Plantation in Myrtle Beach and Secretary Rex Floyd of Wilson (Ala.) Country Club (CC).

Directors for 1998 are Dennis L. Bowsher of Spring Valley CC in Columbia; John F. Davis of Secession Golf Club in Beaufort; Alton Sheffield of North Ridge CC in Raleigh, N.C.; Mark S. Stoddard of Charlotte (N.C.) CC; Seven M. Wright of Long Cove Club in Hilton Head; Allan H. Pulaski of The Country Club at Seabrook in Johns Island; John A. Green of Blowing Rock (N.C.) CC; John K. Williams of Keith Hills CC in Buies Creek, N.C.; and William H. Maynard of Champion Hills Club in Hendersonville, N.C.

## Hladik president of Sierra Nevada

LINCOLN, Calif. — Neil A. Hladik, a certified golf course superintendent at Twelve Bridges Golf Club here, is the new president of the Sierra Nevada Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Hladik succeeded Jim Husting, a certified superintendent from Woodbridge (Calif.) Country Club. He was elected to head a new slate of officers including Vice President Pete Fredeen of Brookside Country Club in Stockton and Secretary/Treasurer Gary Williams of Arbuckle Golf Club.

New directors are Husting, Tim Sedgley of Serrano Country Club in El Dorado Hills, Tom Elliott of Pine Mountain Lake Country Club in Groveland, Steve Legarra of Bradshaw Ranch Golf Club in Sacramento, Jessie Creencia of Del Paso Country Club in Sacramento and affiliate representative Nick Shebert of United Horticulture Supply.

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