

# 1998 Environmental Steward Award-winners honored by GCSAA

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Thirty-three golf course superintendents were honored during the GCSAA International Golf Course Conference and Show here as national, regional or merit winners of the 1998 Environmental Steward Awards. The awards underscore commitment to stewardship efforts through contributions that enhance local environments.

In recognition of the winners, program sponsors Novartis Turf & Ornamental Products, Rain Bird, Jacobsen Division of

Textron and Pursell Technologies Inc., will donate nearly \$23,000 to The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's (GCSAA) Foundation. The foundation is committed to advancing educational opportunities and environmental and scientific research for golf course management.

The 1998 Environmental Steward Award winners were named in three categories: private, public and resort golf courses. The three national winners are:

- **Private:** Peter Leuzinger of The Ivanhoe (Ill.) Club
  - **Public:** Jeffrey W. Carlson of Widow's Walk Golf Course in Scituate, Mass.
  - **Resort:** Mike Meindertsma of Grand Traverse Resort in Acme, Mich.
- "Golf course superintendents are extremely focused on environmental issues and continually strive to foster stewardship efforts both on the golf course and in the community," said Paul S. McGinnis, GCSAA president and certified golf course

superintendent at Alta Mesa Country Club in Mesa, Ariz. "Thanks to the continued support of the program's four sponsors, the Environmental Steward Awards recognize the highest of environmental contributions."

In addition to the three national winners, 17 regional winners and 13 merit winners were selected from the seven United States Golf Association Green Section regions plus the Canadian region.

## REGIONAL WINNERS

### Canadian Region

Private: Blake McMaster, The Royal Montreal Golf Club, Ile Bizard, Quebec  
Public: Dean Baker, Glen Abbey Golf Club, Oakville, Ontario

### Florida Region

Private: Jeff Ball, Panama Country Club, Lynn Haven, Fla.

### Mid-Atlantic Region

Private: Scott Schukraft, Huntsville Golf Club, Shavertown, Pa.

### Mid-Continent Region

Private: Dan Dinelli, North Shore Country Club, Glenview, Ill.  
Public: Tom Morgensen, Countryside East & West Golf Courses, Mundelein, Ill.  
Resort: Jimmy Thomas, Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort, San Antonio, Texas

### North Central Region

Private: Donald F. Ewoldt Jr., Sand Creek Country Club, Chesterton, Ind.  
Public: Fred E. "Derf" Soller Jr., Old Works Golf Course, Anaconda, Mont.  
Resort: David Faucher, The Legend Course, Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire, Mich.

### Northeastern Region

Private: Joseph Alonzi, Westchester Country Club, Rye, N.Y.  
Public (tie): Clark Weld, Blue Heron Pines Golf Club, Pomona, N.J.  
Public (tie): James Perez, East Mountain Country Club, Westfield, Mass.

### Southeastern Region

Public: Wendell T. Nealon, The Legacy of Springfield, Springfield, Tenn.

### Western Region

Private: Richard Eide, Aspen Glen Golf Club, Carbondale, Colo.  
Public: Raymond Davies, Crystal Springs Golf Course, Burlingame, Calif.  
Resort: Edward C. "Ted" Horton, Pebble Beach Company, Pebble Beach, Calif.

## MERIT WINNERS

### Canadian Region

Private: Robert Burrows, Hillsdale Gold & Country Club, Mirabel, Quebec

### Florida Region

Private: Robert R. Bittner, The Club Pelican Bay, Naples, Fla.

### Mid-Continent Region

Private: Michael A. Sandburg, Lakeside Country Club, Houston, Texas  
Public: William E. Bedford III, La Cantera Golf Club, San Antonio, Texas  
Public: Luke Cella, Pottawatomie Golf Course, St. Charles, Ill.  
Public: Scott A. Witte, Cantigny Golf, Wheaton, Ill.  
Public: John G. Netwal, Glynn's Creek Golf Course, Long Grove, Iowa  
Public: Wayne F. Brown Jr., Scovill Golf Club, Decatur, Ill.

### Northeastern Region

Public: Ed Casteen, Forge Pond County Golf Course, Brick, N.J.

### Western Region

Private: Mark E. Gorga, Ironwood Country Club, Palm Desert, Calif.  
Public: Wayne Van Matre, Meadow Lakes Golf Course, Prineville, Ore.  
Public: Jesse Goodling, Heron Lakes Golf Course, Portland, Ore.  
Resort: Michael J. Arat, Keystone Ranch Golf Course, Keystone, Colo.

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