GCSAA will honor environmental stewards

NEW ORLEANS - Fifty-two golf course superintendents have been named national, chapter or merit winners of the 2000 Environmental Steward Awards, underscoring their commitment to stewardship efforts on the golf course through contributions that enhance local environments. They will be formally recognized at 8:45 a.m. Feb. 18, during the Golf General Session at the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's (GCSAA) 71st International Golf Course Conference and Show at the Morial Convention Center here.

In recognition of the winners, program sponsors Novartis Turf & Ornamental Products, Rain Bird, Textron Turf Care and Specialty Products with Cushman, Jacobsen, Ransomes and Ryan brands and Pursell Technologies Inc., will donate nearly \$23,000 to The GCSAA Foundation. The foundation is committed to advancing educational opportunities and environmental and scientific research for golf course management.

The 2000 Environmental Steward Award winners were named in three national categories (public, private and resort golf courses) and an international category. Winners include:

- National Public: Buck Workman, Cateechee Golf Club, Hartwell, Ga.
- National Private (tie): Michael Sandburg, Lakeside Country Club, Houston, Texas; and Donald Ewoldt Jr., Sand Creek Country Club, Chesterton,
- National Resort: Jimmy Thomas, Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort, San Antonio, Texas
- •International: Darren Moore, The Manila Southwoods Golf & Country Club, Metro Manila,

The Environmental Steward Awards recognize superintendents for overall course management excellence in the areas of technology use, resource conservation, water quality management, integrated pest management, wildlife/habitat management and education/outreach.

"The dedication of the golf course superintendent to enrich the quality of golf and its environment has truly been exemplified by all Environmental Steward Award applicants," said Dave Fearis, GCSAA president and certified golf course superintendent at Blue Hills Country Club in Kansas City, Mo.

"These awards continue to recognize GCSAA members for their commitment to maintaining a healthy environment, and they provide others with the opportunity to acknowledge their environmental stewardship efforts," he added.

In addition to the national and international winners, 24 chapter winners and 23 merit winners were selected from GCSAA's 101 affiliated chapters.

CHAPTER WINNERS

Public

Robert Best, Tierra Verde Golf Club at the Reserve, Arlington, Texas, Lone Star GCSA

Craig McDonald, Wildhorse Golf Course, David, Calif., Sierra Nevada GCSA

Joe Perry, Eagle's Landing Golf Course, Ocean City, Md., Eastern Short Association of GCS

Mark Petitgoue, ThunderHawk Golf Club, Beach Park, Ill., Midwest Association of GCS

Kerry Satterwhite, The Den/City of Bloomington, Normal, Ill., Central Illinois GCSA

Jim Scott, Kampen Course—Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex, West Lafayette, Ind., Indiana GCSA David Solga, Giant's Ridge Golf Course & Ski Resort, Gilbert, Minn., Minnesota GCSA

Clark Weld, Blue Heron Pines Golf Club, Cologne, N.J., GCSA of New Jersey

Bruce J. Wolfrom, White Pine National Golf Club, Spruce, Mich., Northern Michigan TMA

David Bermudez, MountainGate Country Club, Los Angeles, Calif., GCSA of Southern California

Geri Buchheit, Killearn Country Club, Tallahassee, Fla., Florida GCSA

F. Dan Dinelli, North Shore Country Club, Northbrook, Ill., Midwest Association of GCS

Jerred Golden, Hershey's Mill Golf Club, West Chester, Pa., Philadelphia Association of GCS

Doug Hausman, Dakota Dunes Country Club, Sioux City, Iowa, GCSA of South Dakota

David L. Johnson, Timarron Country Club, Southlake, Texas, North Texas GCSA

Allan Pulaski, The Landings Club, Savannah, Ga., Georgia GCSA

Rick Tegtmeier, Elmcrest Country Club, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Iowa GCSA

Stephen B. Tibbles, Segregansett Country Club, Rehoboth, Mass., Rhode Island GCSA

Russell Vandehey, Oregon Golf Club, West Linn, Ore., Oregon GCSA

Resort

Chuck Colton, The Bridges Golf Resort at Casino Magic, Bay St. Louis, Miss., Louisiana/Mississippi GCSA

Timothy Glorioso, Hawthorne Valley at Snowshoe, Snowshoe, W. Va., West Virginia GCSA

Terry Frost, Top of the Rock, Ridgedale, Mo., Ozark Turf Association

Dan Steiger, The Legacy Courses at Cragun's, Brainerd, Minn., Minnesota GCSA

James B. Sua, SAFRA Resort & Country Club, Singapore, Republic of Singapore (Country, as there is no affiliated chapter in Singapore)

MERIT WINNERS

Public

Patrick Aaron Blum, Colonial Acres Golf Course, Glemont, N.Y.. Northeastern GCSA

Jerry Coldiron Jr., Lassing Pointe Golf Club, Florence, Ky., Greater Cincinnati GCSA

Barry Greenwalt, Ironwood Municipal Golf Course, Gainesville, Fla., Florida GCSA

James M. Krutilla, Towne Country Club, Edgerton, Wis., Wisconsin GCSA

Frank Rendulic, Kittyhawk Golf Course, Dayton, Ohio, Miami Valley GCSA

Norm Schubert, Brae Lock Golf Course, Gravslake, Ill.

Steven Tiervey, Golfpark Nuolen, Wangen, Switzerland (Country, as there is no affiliated chapter in Switzerland)

Robert Warner, Whispering Pines Golf Course, Myrtle Beach, S.C., Carolinas GCSA

Private

Richard Coyne, Tatum Ranch Golf Club, Cave Creek, Ariz.

Michael Crawford, TPC at Sugarloaf, Duluth, Ga., Georgia GCSA

Jeffrey Cuny, Sewickley Heights Golf Club, Sewickley, Pa., Greater Pittsburgh GCSA

Frank Hull, Oak Meadow Country Club, Rolla, Mo., Ozark Turf Association

Scott Jorgensen, Spanish Hills Golf and Country Club, Camarillo, Calif., GCSA of Southern California

Charles "Buddy" Keene II, Gainesville Country Club, Gainesville, Fla., Florida GCSA

Joseph A. Kennedy Jr., Legends Club of Tennessee, Franklin, Tenn., Tennessee GCSA

Dennis P. Petruzzelli, Lakeover National Golf Club, Bedford Hills, N.Y., Metropolitan GCSA

Roger A. Stewart Jr., TPC at Jana Polana, Princeton, N.J., GCSA of New Jersey

Resort

Charles "Jeff" Hill, Pinehurst No. 8, Village of Pinehurst, N.C., Carolinas GCSA

Thomas Huesgen, The Links at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach, Calif., GCSA of Northern California Donald Johnson, Garra De Leon Golf Course, Santa Cruz, Costa Rica, Florida GCSA

Patrick McCabe, The Greenbrier Resort, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., West Virginia GCSA

Watch for next month

The February edition of Golf Course News will encompass full preview coverage of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's (GCSAA) 71st International Golf Course Conference and Show, scheduled for Feb. 14-20 in New Orleans, La.

Included will be profiles of all the superintendents running for office in the GCSAA; the schedule of educational sessions; a rundown on places to go in the Gulf Shores area; a look back on the year of rein for President Dave Fearris; and the announcement of GCN's Best Builder and Best Small Builder of the Year.

