



Opportunities Abound

By **David Brandenburg**, Golf Course Manager, Rolling Meadows Golf Course

Natasha Pinkerton, daughter of NWGCSA member Kristopher Pinkerton, CGCS, at Oshkosh Country Club has been selected to receive a \$1500 college scholarship as part of the GCSAA Legacy Awards. Natasha is enrolled at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire with a major of biology/pre-med

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) has awarded 20 \$1,500 college scholarships as part of its Legacy Awards program. To be eligible, applicants must be a child or grandchild of a GCSAA member. The program is funded by The Environmental Institute for Golf and supported by Syngenta Professional Products.

The awards are based on academic achievement, community involvement, extracurricular activities and leadership skills. Applicants must be enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher learning, or for high school seniors, accepted at such an institution for the next academic year.

"Since its creation by Syngenta many years ago, the Legacy Awards have always been a way for us to give back to the golf industry," said Dave Ravel, golf market manager for Syngenta Professional Products. "These scholarships provide opportunity for future leaders to gain the education and experiences that will contribute to their future success. At Syngenta, we view leadership, whether individual or organizational to be a crucial resource."

GCSAA Members have until November 10th to volunteer for committee service at the National Level. This opportunity allows member to share their time and

talent while guiding GCSAA's future.

Most committees have a couple conference calls and/or a trip to Lawrence to the headquarters once a year so the time commitment is manageable in our busy schedules. With e-mail and the Internet committee service has become much easier as information can be shared in a instant. Any travel expenses are paid by GCSAA so your family/club does not bare the cost of committee service.

I have enjoyed my past committee service and am sure many of you would also. Not only do you earn .5 service points for serving on a committee towards class A or CGCS, but also it is a great opportunity to enhance your knowledge of GCSAA and your leadership skills.

Visit GCSAA.org, review the different committees and sign up if you are interested.

Bayer Environmental Science has teamed up with The Environmental Institute for Golf to send five golf course superintendents to the GCSAA Education Conference and Golf Industry Show. The purpose of this grant is to assist golf course superintendents with their professional development through participation in the annual event that features the most comprehensive education program available in the industry.

All superintendents who have not attended the GCSAA Education Conference and Golf Industry Show for the prior two years (Anaheim '07 or Orlando '08) are eligible to apply.

Bayer Environmental Science will award grants to five superintendents, who will be selected through a random drawing. Each grant will

cover expenses for airfare, hotel accommodations for 6 nights, conference registration, 2 educational seminars and \$200 spending money.

Simply complete the online or print the paper application at GCSAA.org. The deadline for entry is October 20, 2008. The Environmental Institute for Golf will notify winners by October 24, 2008.

Winners will be selected through a random drawing. Please note that if you have already pre-registered and paid for the Golf Industry Show, GCSAA will refund any charges that would be covered by this program.

10 GCSAA members will have an opportunity to see how golf courses are maintained across the ocean as Bernhard and Co. offers 10 trips to England.

Bernhard and Co. will send 10 GCSAA Class A members to the British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association's Turf Management Exhibition, Jan. 18 - 22, in Harrogate, England. Winners will have the opportunity to attend the conference and exhibition, participate in education seminars, network with greenkeepers from the U.K. and Europe, and visit golf courses in England.

The company will cover airfare, accommodation, conference registration, seminars and transportation. Register at <http://www.bernhard.co.uk/gcsaa-registration.0.html> or call 888-474-6348 by Nov. 14; winners will be notified by Dec. 5.

