

NATIONAL NEWS

Steve Schumacher Wins Environmental Steward Award Competition

Steve Schumacher, of Izatys Golf and Yacht Club in Onamia, Minn., has been named a regional winner in the resort category for the Environmental Steward Award competition. The award is sponsored by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Foundation, and golf industry leaders Novartis, Rain Bird's Golf Division, Jacobsen Division of Textron Inc. and Pursell Industries.

"The Environmental Steward Award represents the kind of principles that we hope all golf courses will embrace," said Bruce R. Williams, CGCS, president of GCSAA. "For entrants, sponsors and especially the public, this award acknowledges all the positive results that can be achieved by focusing on the environment."

The Environmental Steward Award was created to recognize golf course superintendents and golf courses for their work to protect and enhance their local environment. Winners are recognized for overall course management excellence, outstanding programs to maximize pesticide and fertilizer efficacy and irrigation and equipment efficiency, as well as wildlife preservation and habitat enhancement.

Schumacher's entry represented the North-Central region, one of the seven United States Golf Association Green Section regions throughout the country. He was one of 13 superintendents who submitted entries from that region. The North-Central region includes Montana, North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky.

Regional winners receive a plaque and seal, and a \$50 donation in the name of each winner goes to the GCSAA Foundation. Merit winners

receive a certificate and letter recognizing them as Environmental Steward Award Merit Winners.

All entries are reviewed by an independent panel of judges selected for their expertise in environmental issues and turfgrass management.

North Star Turf Adds Salesperson

North Star Turf, St. Paul, has announced the addition of Scott Lombard to its sales staff.

Lombard will manage an area of south central Minnesota and a sizable portion of the Twin Cities area. The decision to add a salesperson was made to reduce the geographic size of all eight company sales territories to improve service and response time.

A 1987 graduate of the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, Lombard is a former assistant superintendent at Pole Creek Golf Club in Winter Park, Colo. Most recently he managed and operated Hydro Green, Inc., River Falls, Wis., a contract aeration business serving accounts throughout the United States.

"Scott's enthusiasm and expertise within the turf business made him an excellent candidate for the position," said Dan Miller of North Star Turf. "He possesses the ability to relate to people in a manner which fits our overall goals and objectives."

Lombard will represent all product lines offered by North Star Turf including: Jacobsen, Smithco, Turfco, National and LandPride equipment and several lines of turf supplies including: The Andersons and Ringer fertilizers, Medalist America grass seed and a full line of turf chemicals and golf accessories.

Bridge America Firm Organized

Formation of Bridge America, Inc., a company providing project develop-

ment, engineering design and project management services for prefabricated pedestrian and light vehicular bridge needs, has been announced in Alexandria, Minn.

Bridge America was founded by Todd L. Vinje, P.E. and Bruce Leland. Their combined expertise includes more than 16 years of experience in directing sales, marketing, design engineering and manufacturing operations required to successfully complete over 2,500 prefabricated bridge projects with a value of over \$50 million dollars.



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