

INDUSTRY NEWS

Steve Hamelau, Rick McCarthy Join Superior Tech Products

Steve Hamelau, experienced superintendent of 30 years, the past 20 at Alexandria Golf Club, has joined Superior Tech Products' sales staff. Steve will be managing sales in western Minnesota out of his Alexandria office. His area will be from Highway 212 & 15 up to the northern Minnesota border. Parts of North and South Dakota will also be covered. Steve's many years of hands on experience in the turfgrass industry will help us continue our business expansion and allow us to keep our high level of customer turfgrass "hands on" attention to detail, says Dan and Rick Gabler of Superior Tech Products.

Rick McCarthy will bring many years of experience from the Landscape, Sportsfields and Nursery Industry. rick will be managing sales in these industries and also managing inside sales. Superior Tech Products is a distributor of leading edge products for the turfgrass industry for Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Products offered include Floratine Products turfgrass biostimulants. Gro-Power natural organic based granular fertilizer. JRM aeration tines, Trion Lift stations, Douglas Rollers and Waste2Water wash water recycling units.

For more information, please contact Steve Hamelau at 320/834-6039 or Rick McCarthy at our Minnetonka headquarters at 952/546-3678.

Lebanon Turf Announces Funding For Superintendent Associations

Lebanon Turf Products announced the details for a funding program geared toward local golf course superintendent associations in the market area.

Lebanon will donate \$25 to the MGCSA for each golf course that purchases three or more tons of Lebanon branded products from January 1, 2001 through June 30, 2001.

The brands covered are Country Club, IsoTek31, NX-PRO and Par Ex. Also included in the program is Lebanon's new PERK Stress Relief controlled-release organic iron.

"Lebanon Turf Products is pleased to offer this program as a means of supporting golf course superintendent programs, and their efforts to educate superintendents at the local level. This is just a small way for Lebanon to show its appreciation for the role superintendents play in professional turf management," said Gary Neyman, Golf Product Manager.

Superintendents may claim their donation by completing a form and sending proof of purchase to Lebanon's business office. The form can be obtained from any Lebanon Turf Products representative or a distributor of Lebanon products. It can also be downloaded from Lebanon's web site at www.Lebturf.com.

Checks will be issued in July and sent to each local association for the total amount accumulated by the association's membership. For further information, contact Frank Baden, the local territory manager, at 319/332-9288.

Fargo CC's Craig Vigen Renews Professional Certification

Craig Vigen, certified golf course superintendent at Fargo Country Club and a member of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association, has completed the renewal process for maintaining his status as a Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS) with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).

Vigen has been at the Fargo course since 1980. He initially achieved his title of "CGCS" in 1986.

To become certified, a candidate must have at least three years' experience as a golf course superintendent, be employed in that capacity and meet specific post secondary educational requirements and/or continuing education units (CEUs). the candidate must then pass a rigorous six-hour examination covering: knowledge of GCSAA and its certification program; rules of golf; turfgrass management; pest control, safety and compliance; and financial and human resource management.

Maintaining certified status requires a renewal process be completed every five years. To fulfill certification renewal requirements, Vigen participated in 15 units of continuing education and professional development.

SPECIAL OFFER: Guaranteed to Attract Bluebirds to Your Course

The Minnesota Bluebird Recovery Program Organization will furnish you, at their cost, nesting boxes and know-how to help set up your Bluebird Trail. Proper monitoring of the houses will almost guarantee that you will enjoy Bluebirds on your course this year. Golfers will be delighted in seeing these birds. Your course benefits by keeping ground and flying insects in check.

A phone call to any of the Bluebird Organization members listed below will enable you to set up your trail. Jack Hauser 952/831-8132; Bill Thompson 612/473-7463, or Dorene Scriven 612/922-4586. Help bring back those gems of blue.