

GCSAA Lauds Superintendents, Courses for Accomplishments

Sixty-three golf course superintendents have been named national, chapter or merit winners of 2001 Environmental Steward Awards, underscoring their commitment to stewardship efforts on the golf course through contributions that enhance local environments.

In recognition of the winners, program sponsors Syngenta Professional Products, Rain Bird, Textron Golf, Turf & Specialty Products and Pursell Technologies Inc., will donate nearly \$24,000 to the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's (GCSAA) Foundation. Winners will be formally recognized at 8:45 a.m., Feb. 15 during the Golf General Session at GCSAA's 72nd International Golf Course Conference and Show, Feb. 11-17, at the Dallas Convention Center in Dallas.

The 2001 Environmental Steward Award winners were named in three national categories (public, private and resort golf courses), with additional recognition given to the top entry for each GCSAA affiliated chapters. Merit honors were afforded those who did not earn national or chapter honors, but in the opinion of the judges, deserved special recognition. The national winners include:

National Public: Joe McCleary, CGCS, Saddle Rock Golf Course, Aurora, Colo., Rocky Mountain GCSA.

National Private: Scott Jorgensen, Spanish Hills Golf & C.C., Camarillo, Calif., Southern California GCSA.

National Resort: Dave Solga, CGCS, Giants Ridge Golf & Ski Resort, Biwabik, Minn., Minnesota GCSA.

The Environmental Steward Awards recognize golf course 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.

"These awards speak to the commitment and the professionalism of the golf course superintendent," said R. Scott Woodhead, GCSAA president and certified golf course superintendent at Valley View Golf Course. "The terms golf and environmental stewardship were in the past thought to be incompatible. Today, we know that is no longer the case."

Syngenta Professional Products, Rain Bird, Textron Golf, Turf & Specialty Products and Pursell Technologies Inc., each will donate to The GCSAA Foundation in the names of all national and chapter winners: \$500 each for national winners and \$50 each for chapter winners. In addition, all four sponsoring companies will each donate \$5,000 to The Foundation. Since the Environmental Steward Awards began in 1993, participating sponsors have donated nearly \$150,000 to The GCSAA Foundation, and more than 200 golf course superintendents have been recognized.

In addition to the national winners, 41 chapter winners

and 19 merit winners were selected from GCSAA's 101 affiliated chapters.

2001 ESA Chapter Winners Public Facilities

Keith Greeninger, Baker National Golf Course, Medina Minn., Minnesota GCSA.

2001 ESA Merit Winners Public Facilities

Michael Davies, Superior National at Lutsen, Lutsen, Minn., Minnesota GCSA

Since 1926, GCSAA has been the leading professional association for the men and women who manage and maintain golf facilities in the United States and worldwide. From its headquarters in Lawrence, Kan., the association provides education, information and representation to more than 21,000 individual members in more than 65 countries. GCSAA's mission is to serve its members, advance their profession and enhance the enjoyment, growth and vitality of the game of golf. Visit GCSAA Online at www.gcsaa.org.

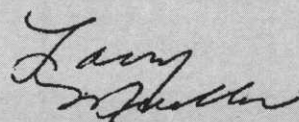
The GCSAA Foundation enhances the game of golf through funding applied research and advanced education in golf course management. Since its inception in 1955, The GCSAA Foundation has provided more than \$2 million in support of numerous research studies and more than 1,200 student scholarships.

Thank You

Thank you to the many members that attended my going away party, it was great to see each of you. Also, thank you to all that sent cards and letters but were unable to attend.

You're a great bunch of professionals.

Sincerely,



Larry Mueller