

GCSAA Recognizes Jim Nicol CGCS, Hazeltine National Golf Club, For 25 Years of Certification

Jim Nicol, CGCS, Hazeltine National Golf Club was one of 45 Superintendents honored for 25 years of CGCS designation. "Twenty-five percent of GCSAA's Class A members have



James J. Nicol CGCS, Hazeltine National GC

achieved the highest level of recognition through the CGCS professional designation," said Robert M. Randquist, CGCS, who was elected GCSAA's president at the annual meeting held on the last day of the conference, Feb. 11, and also was one honored for 25 years of CGCS designation. "This program requires their demonstration of a higher set of competencies in golf course management through testing and practical application. Employers can feel confident they employ a career professional who has made a strong commitment to professional development."

To qualify for GCSAA's certification program, a candidate must have at least three years experience as a golf course superintendent, be employed in that capacity and meet post-secondary educational requirements and/or continuing education points. The candidate's knowledge, skills and abilities are validated through the development of a portfolio consisting of their responses to skill statements, case-study scenarios and submission of work samples; an on-site inspection of their golf facility; and a six-hour examination covering competencies relating to agronomic, business, communication, environment and leadership domains.

Maintaining certified status requires renewal every five years after the initial date of certification. To fulfill certification renewal requirements, a candidate must participate in 150 hours of continuing education and professional development.



JIM NICOL, CGCS, addresses a Sports Turf audience from the 7th green at Hazeltine National Golf Club during last year's construction.

Precision Turf & Chemical, Inc. Receives Award At GIS Show

Petro-Canada acknowledged the Precision Turf & Chemical team for an outstanding sophomore year of representing CIVITAS in the Minnesota golf turf market.

In 2010, Precision Turf & Chemical was able to grow Civitas sales by over 2,000% from the 2009 launch year. The sales jump is attributed to educating customers on CIVITAS technology.

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