

## 1996 Environmental Steward Awards



The Mid Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents Congratulates Glenn Smickley, CGCS of Robert Trent Jones G.C. and Joseph Perry of Eagle's Landing G.C. for being recipients of this prestigious award.

The Environmental Steward Award Program provides a forum for superintendents to showcase their environmental efforts and be honored for the strides they have made to enhance their properties for the benefit of wildlife, golfers and their surrounding communities. These two fine superintendents were regional winners, representing the Mid Atlantic USGA region.

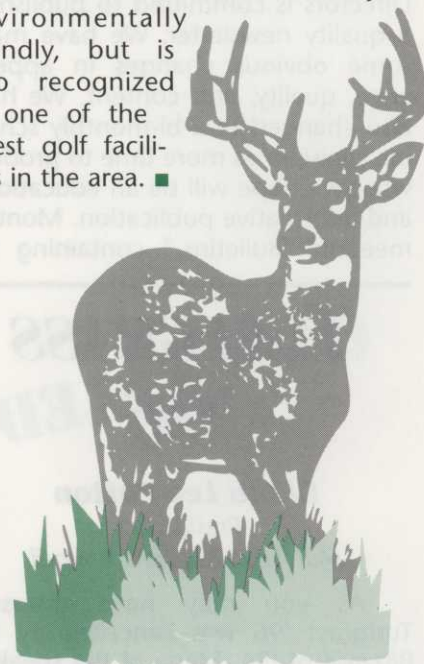
Smickley hopes to establish Robert Trent Jones G.C. as Virginia's first "Official Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary." Open since 1991, the



club was designed and built with an extensive water retention system that collects 92 percent of all rainwater and irrigation runoff in one of 23 detention ponds and level collectors. Combined with buffer zones of natural vegetation around each body of water, the local Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Lab has watched the drinking water quality of adjoining Lake Manassas improve during the past few years. Smickley emphasizes IPM practices, using beneficial insects, organic fertilizers and pesticides only when necessary. He also emphasizes light irrigation use.

Eagle's Landing was the first course in Maryland to attain certification by the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary program. Built in 1991 on the eastern shore of Maryland's Delmarva Peninsula, Eagle's Landing is located in an environmentally sensitive area adjacent to the tidal flats of

the Atlantic Ocean. Through careful selection of turfgrasses, establishment of naturalized areas, creation of non-tidal wetland habitat and IPM-based pest control, the course is not only environmentally friendly, but is also recognized as one of the finest golf facilities in the area. ■



### SUPERINTENDENT PROFILES

#### Our Host for the March Meeting: *Rick Hildreth* of Swan Point Yacht & Country Club

**R**ick Hildreth hails from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture, Class of 1986. His senior summer, Rick worked for Kenny Ingram, at Columbia C.C. in Chevy Chase, MD, as a placement student. He then came back to earn his stripes with six years as an assistant from '86 to '91. In 1991, Rick moved to Swan Point to undertake assistant duties under Mark Stoddard. Rick took the helm from Mark in 1993, when Mark moved up to the TPC at Avenel. Born and raised in Vermont, Rick brings with him a Northerner's love of hockey. He can also hang up his skates in the spring and deliver on his 14 handicap on the links, so keep him in mind when you're looking for a partner! ■

#### Our Host for the April Meeting: *Michael Legere, CGCS* of Holly Hills Country Club

**M**ichael Legere, CGCS is another fine superintendent that the Mid-Atlantic stole away from New England. A 1979 graduate of the Stockbridge School of Agriculture, Mike worked as an assistant and a superintendent in Massachusetts at the Holden Hills Country Club and New England Country Club before he moved to Holly Hills in 1993. Mike earned his status as a certified superintendent in 1988, while superintendent at Holden Hills. Mike lives with his wife Cathy, and his two daughters, Cora and Monica, in the foothills of Mount Airy, a stone's throw down Route 70 from Holly Hills. He enjoys, as do many of us, taking up his clubs and approaching golf from a more recreational perspective. Mike is also an avid swimmer, a talent that fortunately doesn't get much use either in the line of work or during his golf game! ■