

## 31 supers awarded for environmental work

Thirty-one golf course superintendents gained distinction in the 1996-97 Environmental Steward Award program.

The Environmental Steward Award recognizes superintendents for overall course management excellence, outstanding programs to maximize pesticide and fertilizer efficacy, and irrigation and equipment efficiency, as well as wildlife preservation and enhancement.

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

In conjunction with the program, Novartis (formerly Ciba Turf & Ornamental Products and Sandoz), Rain Bird's Golf Division, Jacobsen Division of Textron Inc., and Pursell Industries will donate more than \$23,000 to the GCSAA Foundation, which supports educational opportunities for future golf course superintendents and scientific advancements in golf course management.

The 1996-97 Environmental Steward Award winners were named in three categories: private, public and resort golf courses. The national winners are:

**Private:** Kerry Satterwhite, CGCS, Rock River Country Club, Rock Falls, IL, and Glenn Smickley, CGCS, Robert Trent Jones Golf Club, Gainesville, VA.

**Public:** Timothy Kelly, Village Links of Glen Ellyn, Gen Ellyn, IL.

**Resort:** Ron Hill, CGCS, Amelia Island Plantation, Amelia Island, FL.

Kelly earned national honors for the third consecutive year. This year he was recognized for outstanding promotion of his conservation programs and his community partnership. Satterwhite and Smickley, who tied in the private course category, and Hill are first-time national winners.

In addition to the national winners, 21 regional winners and six merit winners were selected from throughout North America.

Winners were honored Feb. 9 at the GCSAA Conference and Show in Las Vegas.

**Florida Region winners.** Private Course, Robert K. Ellis, Indian River Club, Vero Beach, FL; Public Course, Richard C. Wise, CGCS, PGA Golf Club, Port St. Lucie, FL.

**Mid-Atlantic Region.** Private Course, Scott A. Schukraft, Huntsville Golf Club, Shavertown, PA.

**Mid-Continent Region.** Private Course, Peter V. Leuzinger, CGCS, Ivanhoe Club, Ivanhoe, IL; Public Course, R. Brian Green, CGCS, Highland Park, IL, and Resort Course, Dale Miller, Barton Creek Resort, Austin, TX.

**North Central Region.** Private Course, Donald F. Ewoldt, Jr., CGCS, Sand Creek Country Club, Chesterton, IN.; Public Course, Fred E. Soller, Jr., Old Works Golf Course, Anaconda, MT; Resort Course, Steve Schumacher, Izatys Golf & Yacht Club, Onamia, MN.

**Northeast Region.** Private Course, Karl E. Olson, CGCS, National Golf Links of America, Southampton, NY; Public Course, James M. Perez, East Mountain Country Club, Westfield, MA; Resort Course, John A. Boyer, CGCS, Marriott Seaview Resort, Absecon, NJ.

**Southeast Region.** Private Course, Henry D. Kerfoot, IL, Carmel Country Club, Charlotte, NC; Public Course, Wendell T. Nealon, CGCS, The Legacy, Springfield, TN.

**Western Region.** Private Course, Bill Schilling, Wing Point Golf & Country Club, Bainbridge Island, WA.; Public Course (tie) Tom Janning, Rosewood Lakes Golf Course, Reno, NV, and Daryl D. Dinkel, River Valley Ranch, Carbondale, CO; Resort Course, Kent Nishijima, Kapalua Golf Courses, Lahaina, HI. □

## Patrick Lucas earns MetGCSA honors

Patrick Alan Lucas of Innis Arden Golf Club, Old Greenwich, CT, earned the Sherwood A. Moore (SAM) Award for 1996 from the MetGCSA.

Westchester Country Club Superintendent Joe Alonzi, immediate past president of the MetGCSA, in making the announcement said: "There is no more deserving honoree. Pat has added a new dimension to the word devotion, both in his veteran career and life in general. No one is more dedicated to the cause, welfare, and benefit of the golf course superintendent than Pat."

Patrick Lucas has been at Innis Arden since 1977. □

## NGF event focused on online services

Late in 1996, the National Golf Foundation hosted a three-day conference in Boston focusing on the "information superhighway" and its potential as a means for helping those in the golf industry grow.

The proceedings of the conference are available in the form of session audio tapes and a compilation of the papers that were submitted by those who were featured speakers.

There were 13 sessions in all including: developing a strategic plan for putting your organization online;

what to expect from your online provider;

building customers in cyberspace;

using an Intra-Net to improve communications and productivity.

NGF members can get the printed info for \$75, audio for \$145 or both for \$195. The cost to non members is \$125 for print, \$195 for audio and \$275 for both.

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