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College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences

Stahnke Named Researcher of the Year

WSU Extension agronomist **Gwen Stahnke** won the Seed Research of Oregon 2008 Researcher of the Year Award. The award acknowledges Stahnke's contributions to the turfgrass industry in the Pacific Northwest and nationally.

Stahnke's research on transitional ryegrass has helped golf course superintendents repair turf on cool-climates courses on the Pacific Northwest.

Stahnke and Eric Miltner, both based at the WSU Puyallup Research and Extension Center, recommended the grasses used at Chambers Bay Golf Course in University Place.

Chambers Bay participates in the Audubon Silver Signature Sanctuary program. The program's strict environmental preservation criteria requires a natural resource management program that includes integrated pest management and wildlife and water conservation coupled with economic development and community education. The Chambers Bay course is the site of the 2015 U.S. Open.

Stahnke assists a diverse clientele, including Master Gardeners, sports turf managers and superintendents. Stahnke is also the current editor of the International Turfgrass Society Journal.



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