

SRO Announces Its Annual Awards



San Diego, CA - Seed Research of Oregon has awarded Brent Rogers of Eagle's Nest Golf Club in Maple, Ontario its inaugural Turfgrass Innovator of the Year award at the GCSAA Conference in San Diego, California.

The Turfgrass Innovator award will be given annually to a golf course superintendent, sports field manager, sod farm or lawn/landscape contractor to recognize and honor new, environmentally responsible advancements in turfgrass management.

Mr. Rogers planted SR 7200, supplied by Graham Turf Seeds of Lindsay, Ontario, on the newly constructed Eagle's Nest, making him the first superintendent in Canada to grow velvet bentgrass on his greens, tees and fairways. In addition, the roughs and native roughs employ endophyte enhanced fine fescues that are at the same time aesthetically pleasing, penal to errant shots, and require minimal water and fertilizers.



San Diego, CA - Seed Research of Oregon has awarded Darren Burns of Bear Mountain Golf & Country Club of Vancouver, British Columbia its 2003 Golf Course Superintendent of the Year award at the GCSAA Conference in San Diego, California.

The Seed Research of Oregon's Golf Course Superintendent of the Year award is given annually to recognize a superintendent for their professionalism, inventive spirit and commitment to the environment.

Mr. Burns is growing SRO's Dominant Xtreme creeping bentgrass blend on the greens, Champion GQ tees and fairways, and a perennial ryegrass/fine fescue mix in the roughs. Plans for a second 18 holes are completed and construction is expected to begin later this year. " From the Providence greens I had at Nicklaus North to the Dominant Xtreme greens here at Bear Mountain, both of these grasses are proven to be very durable, fast and extremely disease resistant."



San Diego, CA - Seed Research of Oregon presented awards for its 2003 Golf Course of the Year to golf course superintendent Bill Davis, architect Ron Forse and Wadsworth Golf Construction Company for their work in the reconstruction of The Peninsula Golf & Country Club in San Mateo, California.

Seed Research of Oregon's Golf Course of the Year is awarded to a new, renovated or restored golf course that blends sound agronomics with timeless design. The Peninsula Golf & Country Club is the first reconstruction project to win this award.

Misters Davis and Forse began working with Wadsworth in 2001 to rebuild the 81-year old Donald Ross design. Dominant Plus greens, Champion G.Q. tees, fairways and roughs, supplied by Horizon Irrigation, completed the two years of reconstruction work that was opened for club play in April 2003.