



New Zealand Golf Course Superintendents Association and John Deere Australasia are excited to bring you a re-launch of the Fellowship award to the newly named

THE JOHN DEERE EXCELLENCE AWARD



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The Excellence award will commence on January the 1st 2010, which will replace the NZGCSA fellowship award and its proud history.

The John Deere Excellence Award is a biannual award, which will be awarded on the NZGCSA conference year.

Past NZGCSA Fellowship Award recipients

2007 Leo Barber	Paraparaumu Beach GC
2005 Grant Bunting	Wanaka GC
2002 Andrew Ellis	Waihi GC
2000 Paul Stanaway	Mangawhai GC
1998 Brett Burgess	Western Bays GC
1996 Karl Johnson	Lincoln GC
1994 John Farron	Paraparaumu Beach GC
1992 Peter Gray	Lincoln GC

The NZGCSA Excellence in Golf Course Management aims to recognise a Golf Course Superintendent who has achieved a high standard of golf course presentation by improvements on their golf course through changed maintenance and management techniques, new innovations or construction over the past two years.

Requirements

Nominees for the NZGCSA Excellence in Golf Course Management Award must be a current NZGCSA member and been a member for two years concurrently.

All valid nominations must be judged individually by each NZGCSA Board Director to ascertain two Finalists.

The NZGCSA Excellence Award in Golf Course Management will be awarded every two years.

The Award will be presented at the NZ Golf Awards for industry recognition and at a Regional or National conference to be recognised in front of their peers.



Selection Criteria

The nominee must fill out a nomination form or provide a dossier demonstrating how the nominee has displayed excellence in golf course management.

Please make sure the following key judging points are covered

- Description of objectives prior to implementing changes
- Description of the golf course prior to implementing changes
- Description of the changed maintenance techniques, new innovations or construction
- Description of outcomes for the course upon completion of works
- Extent of knowledge of Turfgrass management techniques
- Commitment to Excellence
- A description of how the applicant will use the Education Grant if selected.

John Deere Excellence in Golf Course Management Education Grant

The applicant can choose how to use the \$5,000.00 education grant for developing their knowledge to indicate a strong desire to remain within the industry.

- Examples of how the Education Grant can be used
- Regional, National, International Conferences
- National Certificate in Sports Turf or Business Management
- National Diplomas
- Internship locally or abroad
- Study Tours
- Working experiences at the NZ, Australia Open or the John Deere Classic at TPC Deere Run



Judging Protocol

The NZGCSA Excellence in Golf Course Management Award aims to recognise a Golf Course Superintendent who has achieved a high standard of golf course presentation/construction within the previous two years.

The NZGCSA will select an independent judging panel of three. The judges who have been selected will then meet with the two finalists.

John Deere representative will not be amongst the judging panel.

A past recipient of the NZGCSA Fellowship is eligible to apply for the award

In deciding upon whom wins the prestigious award, the judging panel will consider the following.

- Course expenditure & Human resources
- Description of objectives prior to undertaking projects
- Description of the works undertaken - either construction or maintenance
- Description of outcomes upon completion of works
- Extent of knowledge of Turfgrass techniques
- General presentation skills
- A commitment to Excellence

The Judging process consists of

- 1 The Judges meet the candidate at their selected venue
- 2 The candidate is given the opportunity to give their presentation, which should be an approximately 30 minutes
- 3 The judges will have the opportunity to ask the candidate some questions to clarify any issues regarding the selection criteria.
- 4 The judges will then determine if a visual inspection of the course is required.
- 5 The judges may also want to meet with the candidate referees.

Nominations Close on the 30th June 2010

