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President's Message

Superintendencing—

Through the Eyes of a Child

Have you ever asked your kids what they *really* think about your job? This time of year, when we tend to focus a lot more on work than on our families, getting your kids' perceptions of your job might give you an idea of how your family is weathering your busy season. I asked my 7-year-old son, Ian, what he thought about being a superintendent's son. From all accounts, I guess life's not too bad—even this time of year. Here's what he had to say.

I Can Help Dad Do His Job

"Dad's job is pretty cool because I can go to work with him and do stuff to help on the golf course. When I was 5, my job was changing tee markers. As I got older, I started to do more things. I could help in the shop, and I learned to use the computer and the radio control to set the sprinklers. He taught me how to use the DTN: I'm the only kid in my class who knows how to read weather maps on the computer. I helped put the out-of-bounds stakes in the correct places. This spring, I put together a spreader that gets used on the golf course. It was sort of like a big LEGO set.

It's a Zoo Out There

"It's fun to have a border collie. Ridge-way's dog, Kate, lives with us. When we take her out to run at (continued on page 2)

Special Feature

Skin Cancer: It Can Happen to You

Former Superintendent Tells of His Trials With Malignant Melanoma

Skin cancer is the most prevalent of all cancers. In fact, it's estimated that a startling 700,000 Americans develop skin cancer every year.

The primary culprit, most medical experts agree, is overexposure to sunlight—especially when it results in sunburn and blistering.

While the best course of prevention is to steer clear of the sun, for many, like golf course superintendents, this is next to impossible. More realistic—whether you're working or playing on the links—is to cover up and use sunscreen with at least a 15 SPF rating.

There are three main forms of skin cancer: basal cell, squamous cell, and malignant melanoma. Fortunately, they're relatively easy to detect, and most can be cured. Even malignant melanoma—the most virulent of skins cancers—can be treated successfully if caught in its early stages. Living proof of that is ArborCom Technologies' Herb Waterous, who 10 years ago, while a superintendent at Scarsdale Golf Club, sought life-saving help for a malignant melanoma hidden beneath the beard on his face.

What follows is Herb's personal account of his ordeal with the deadliest of all skin diseases—a story he hopes will encourage others to take the precautions necessary to keep their skin—and themselves—out of harm's way.

Discovery and Diagnosis

The dermatologist carefully examined the crusty black lesion that was hiding in my beard—the same blemish that my wife had been nagging me to have checked out for weeks. I, of course, stubbornly procrastinated. Procrastina-

tion was the first sign of my denial.

A plastic surgeon removed the lesion for analysis. Five days later, he phoned to tell me he had removed a melanoma 1.1 mm thick and wanted to see me as soon as possible. I was still in denial, reasoning that any- (continued on page 8)

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Through the Eyes of a Child

night, I get to practice putting and chipping, while my Dad runs Kate.

"Going out with Dad on the golf course, I've seen lots of different animals and birds. I've seen red-tailed hawks, their nest and babies. I've also seen cardinals, owls, and blue birds. One time, there was even a blue heron that stayed to visit for a while. There have been white egrets and wood ducks around the ponds too. There are a lot of little animals like muskrats, rabbits, black squirrels, and woodchucks. Even though the golf course is in the city, we even have white-tail deer in the woods. Believe it or not, there's even been a black bear caught on the golf course!

Going to Work With Dad Is a Real Treat

"When I can't go to school, I go to work with Dad sometimes. There are a lot of really nice people working at Dad's club. They let me sneak into the kitchen and get all of my favorite treats. The maintenance man's nickname is Tall Man, and he calls me Short Man. Mark and Tony take me out with them to fix stuff on the golf course, like sprinkler heads.

We Get Special Time Together

"I like that Dad goes to work very early in the morning because he can pick me up after school and we can do things together. One of the fun things to do in the summer is to go fishing in the ponds. Some nights after work, we take our poles and fish in the big lake. I caught my first fish at Ridgeway.

"At home, my Dad taught me how to take care of plants. We work together to plant all of the flowers at our house. I learned how to clean out the flower beds and get them ready. He showed me how to plant the flowers so that they would grow and fill in. He even helped me to get my school plants healthier.

"It's nice in the winter because Dad has more time, and he can help coach my ice hockey team. I like to go to the conferences so that I can see all the equipment at the convention. We always get to take a vacation in the winter and somewhere warm in February.

"I like having a superintendent for a Dad. It's cool!"

IAN B. MILLETT, President's Son
EARL F. MILLETT, President

MetGCSA News

MetGCSA Web Site Is Up and Running



Thanks in large part to the efforts of Rockrimmon Country Club Superintendent Tony Girardi and Patterson Club Superintendent Jon Jennings, the MetGCSA Web Site is up and running. The official launch date was April 29, making the Met one of approximately a dozen chapters in the country to develop a site to date.

When you visit the Met's web page, you'll find *Tee to Green* highlights, including feature articles; president's messages; golf results; member news; and upcoming meetings and social, golf, and educational events. You'll also find postings for used and wanted equipment; research updates from the Tri-State Turf Research Foundation;

and other industry-related information.

The Web Site Committee—composed of Paul Gonzalez, Paul Pritchard, Blake Halderman, Mike Miner, and, of course, Tony and Jon—will be responsible for keeping the site well stocked with up-to-date news and information. "Our hope," says Tony, "is to update the site by the first of every month. We'll just need a little time to work out a few of the kinks."

The site's address will be listed on the first page of your MetGCSA Membership Directory. In the meantime, it is www.gcsaa.org/metctgcsa.com. We hope you'll take advantage of all the site has to offer, and, of course, the committee would welcome any feedback.

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Invitational Hits The Patterson Club

Met members and club officials competed under bright sun and record-high temps in this year's Invitational Tournament. The site: The Patterson Club, a picturesque sleeper of a course nestled in the rolling terrain of Fairfield, CT. This Robert Trent Jones-designed course was built in 1946 and has been carefully nurtured and maintained by host Superintendent Jon Jennings and his crew for the past seven seasons.

On June 7, Invitational contestants were treated to great golf on this well-conditioned course, which has been graced with ample landing areas, large greens, and a series of interesting holes.

The Seeds Were Sown

The seeds for Jon's career were sown in high school, when he worked at Madison Country Club during the summer of 1981. He enjoyed the work so much that he changed his plans for attending the University of Virginia and opted, instead, for the University of Massachusetts.

To explain his about-face, Jon says, "I asked Mike Chrzanowski, the superintendent I was working for, how he landed his job and actually laughed when he told me he went to college for turfgrass management. A few months later, I was enrolled at his alma mater."

Jon completed an associate's in turfgrass management and a bachelor's in economics at breakneck speed—in four year's time. While in college, he interned two seasons in Chicago at Olympia Fields Country Club and another back at Madison Country Club. In 1986, with diploma in hand, he accepted the assistant superintendent's position at Onondaga Golf and Country Club in Syracuse, NY. Two years later, Jon landed his first superintendent's job at Enjoie Golf Club in Endicott, NY, where he had the opportunity to host the PGA Tour, BC Open. Hiland Golf Club in Glen Falls, NY, was his next—and last—stop as superintendent before settling in at The Patterson Club.

The First Order of Business

Jon's first order of business after arriving

at Patterson was to modify the soil composition of the greens. "We've added about two inches of topdressing over the past seven years, and that's translated into greens that are faster, smoother, more consistent, and better draining as each year goes by."

Among the many enhancements Jon's initiated in his tenure were a completely new irrigation system, eye-catching stonework around the pond fronting the Par 3 third hole, and with the help of Golf Course Architect Roger Rulewich, the newly renovated bunkers and area surrounding the green on Hole #4.

Jon has also introduced a few innovations that have both helped the grounds crew and, in small ways, aided the health and welfare of the turf. "Our tee markers are made to double as broken tee receptacles, and on each golf cart, we now have divot bottles filled with a mixture of soil and seed to encourage golfers to repair their divots," says Jon.

Professional—and Personal—Affiliations

As part of Jon's total commitment to the profession, he is actively involved in several professional organizations, particularly the MetGCSA and GCSAA. Jon's serving his second year on the



Patterson Club
Superintendent
Jon Jennings,
CGCS

Met's board of directors and is both the co-editor of the *Tee to Green* and a hard-working member of the Education Committee. On the national level, Jon is serving on the GCSAA Research Committee and is also a member of the Michigan State University's Turfgrass Advisory Committee.

No rest for the weary, Jon's form of R&R is running—generally at 4:30 a.m. before he starts his workday. "I'm hopeful of having my entry accepted in an upcoming New York City Marathon," he says.

With a young family, Jon's after-work hours are generally spent with his wife, Susan, and his almost 5-year-old daughter, Samantha, and his son, Theodore, who is 11 months old.

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Upcoming Events

Don't Miss These Golf Events!

MetGCSA Championship/ Met Area Team Championship Qualifier, Round 1

Tuesday, July 6
Century Country Club
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Host: Jim Fulwider, CGCS
(see profile, page 5)

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Watch for notices on our upcoming Social Events . . . an all-new Family Picnic in July and an August Dinner Cruise with a fireworks finale! Don't miss them.

Century Country Club to Host July Meeting

Met members are heading to Century Country Club in Purchase, NY, on July 6 for a dual golfing event: the MetGCSA Championship and Round One of the Met Area Team Championship Qualifier. Hosting the event is the club's long-tenured superintendent, Jim Fulwider Jr.

A Long and Winding Road

Inheriting the position from his father—the senior Jim Fulwider—when he retired, Jim's been the club's superintendent for 12 years.

Though immersed in golf course work during high school and college, Jim didn't head straight for a career on the links. His sights were set, first, on becoming a history teacher. He earned a B.A. from Washington and Lee University and then began working toward a master's at Miami of Ohio University when he was drafted in the

army during the Vietnam War. After his tour of duty, Jim returned to school to finish his degree.

By the time Jim had completed his master's, he had a change of heart and returned to the golf business—not as a superintendent, but rather as a golf pro. He earned his PGA Class A status and landed his first job as shop assistant at Middle Bay Golf Club in Long Island. His next stop was the Whippoorwill Club in Armonk, NY, where he was a teaching assistant for three years—at the same time that our current chapter president, Earl Millett, was assistant to Chuck Martineau, the club's superintendent then—and now.

In 1978, Jim moved to his birth state of Texas and accepted his first head pro's job at Hondo Golf Course—a nine-hole facility. There, he quickly became chief, cook, and bottle washer, assuming the duties of not only pro, but also superintendent and manager. After becoming reacquainted with the turf side of the business, Jim decided to enroll in Texas A & M and opened his own lawn care business while going to school.

In 1984, Jim returned to the Met area to work under his dad, who at that point, was about three years away from retirement. Jim began his career at Century January 1, 1987.

A Club With a History

Century Country Club has a colorful past. It began, informally, in 1898 as a nine-hole course located not in Purchase, but in the Throgs Neck section of Queens.

In 1904, the club moved to Metropolis Country Club's current site, where it remained until after World War I. It was then that the club decided to move once again. It purchased 175 acres in Purchase, and under the watchful eye of golf course architect Charles Hugh Allison of Colt & Allison, Century Country Club was constructed, pretty much as we know it today.

The year the club marked its 100th



*Century CC Superintendent
Jim Fulwider,
CGCS*

anniversary, it embarked on a course of change. "We restored the bunkers with Golf Course Architect Gil Hanse, and we built a new practice tee," says Jim. "Right now, we're in the process of restoring greens to their original shape and size. It's been a challenge," Jim adds, "but well worth the long hours and hard work."

Busy on and off the Course

When Jim leaves work, he goes home to his wife, Natalie, of 24 years and one of this three sons, 17-year-old Andrew, who is a junior at the local Harrison High School.

His other two sons are in college: Ben, 21, is a junior at Colgate University, and Dan, 19, is a sophomore at the University of Delaware.

His wife is also immersed in school—as principal of a Port Chester elementary school and vice president of the Harrison School Board.

Among Jim's favorite pastimes is hiking—"especially with my three sons," he says.

End Note

When you play the course on the 6th, you'll be walking the links once traveled by the great Ben Hogan, who was head pro at Century in the late 1930s and '40s.

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Tony Girardi, superintendent of Rockrimmon Country Club in Stamford, CT, has been designated a Certified Golf Course Superintendent by GCSAA.

Congratulations, Tony!

Recertified

Congratulations to Patterson Club Superintendent **Jon Jennings** for completing the coursework required for renewal of his professional certification. Jon initially achieved his CGCS status with GCSAA in 1995.



Special Note

We just got word that **Mike Miner**, superintendent at Montammy Golf Club, was admitted to St. Vincent's Hospital in Bridgeport, CT, for an angioplasty on June 14 to clear two blocked arteries. Well-wishers might give him a call at home, 203-227-5014. We're rooting for you, Mike.

Birth

Congratulations to Country Club of Fairfield Superintendent **Pat Sisk** and his wife, **Gina**, who had a baby boy, Patrick Henry III, on April 25.

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FUN FACTS AND FIGURES

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He went on to say that it was not a serious operation and that my face would be only slightly thinner on that side. He told me that melanoma did not respond to any treatment other than surgery and that he had performed many melanoma surgeries that had metastasized (spread or become invasive). He then assured me that I would not want to go through that. I said I would do whatever he thought was best and agreed to schedule my surgery at New York Hospital.

Operation Day

On the day of surgery, I was waiting with my wife to go to the operating room when my surgeon appeared with an otolaryngologist. Together, they told me that they had just received new information from Sloan Kettering Cancer Hospital concerning conditions similar to mine and wanted to do a radical neck dissection. "Ouch."

At this point, I began to come out of denial—somewhere short of terror. I didn't have much time to ponder this decision, so I put myself in their hands. Within minutes, they came for me. In the operating room, the surgeon explained that they were going to remove some lymph nodes for examination. Five hours later, I woke shivering so badly on the table that I thought I would fall off.

Post-Op Surprise

After several hours of lying in my room not really aware of what had happened to me, I was helped out of bed and into the bathroom, wheeling an IV alongside me. When I looked in the mirror, the face that looked back at me

stripped away any shred of denial that may have been left. There were no bandages, and the whole left side of my face was red with some sort of antiseptic. It seemed to me, at the time, that half my face was gone. There was a huge incision extending from my earlobe to my Adam's apple. The doctor informed me that they took 39 nodes and sent them for analysis. I should know the next day, he added, if the cancer had spread.

Now, I was certain there was no chance for my survival. I reasoned that for them to do this to me meant something really ominous was occurring.

The next 24 hours waiting for the lab results were probably the longest I had ever spent. The nodes, fortunately, were all negative, but then I still had to go through liver and bone scans—all with the same anticipatory fear and anxiety.

I am completely convinced that if it weren't for my wife, I would not be here today. It's been 10 years since my surgery without a reoccurrence, and that's a very good sign. I have complete skin exams twice a year. I stay out of direct sun as much as possible and wear protective clothing and sunscreen.

HERB WATEROUS, CGCS
ArborCom Technologies, Inc.

Skin Cancer Prevention and Detection

When it comes to skin cancer, prevention—and early detection—are the best medicines. Here are some pointers from the American Academy of Dermatology for identifying the three most common skin cancers.

Basal Cell Carcinoma

These tumors of the skin usually appear as small, fleshy bumps or nodules on the head, neck, and hands. Occasionally, these nodules may appear on the trunk of the body, usually as flat growths. Basal cell carcinomas seem to occur most frequently in people who have light hair, eyes, and complexions and who don't tan easily.

Fortunately, these tumors don't spread quickly. It may take many months or years for one to reach a diameter of one-half inch. If left untreated, however, the cancer will begin to bleed and crust over, and though this type of cancer rarely metastasizes (spreads to other parts of the body), it can extend below the skin to the bone and cause considerable local damage.

Squamous Cell Carcinoma

Squamous cell carcinoma is the second most common skin cancer found in

Caucasians. These tumors are typically found on the rim of the ear, the face, lips, and mouth and may appear as nodules or as red, scaly patches. This cancer will develop into large masses, and unlike basal cell carcinoma, it *can* metastasize.

Malignant Melanoma

Melanoma has its beginnings in melanocytes, the skin cells that produce the dark protective pigment called melanin. It's melanin that is responsible for producing suntanned skin, which acts as partial protection against the sun's rays.

Melanoma cells usually continue to produce melanin, which accounts for the cancers appearing in mixed shades of tan, brown, and black. The cancer may appear suddenly, without warning, or begin near a mole or other dark spot in the skin. For that reason, it's important to know the location and appearance of the moles on our bodies so we can notice any changes.



When looking for melanoma, consider these ABCD warning signs:

- **Asymmetry:** One half of the mole doesn't match the other.
- **Border irregularity:** The mole's edges are ragged, notched, or blurred.
- **Color:** The pigmentation is not uniform. Shades of tan, brown, and black are present. Dashes of red, white, and blue add to the mottled appearance.
- **Diameter:** If it's greater than six millimeters (about the size of a pencil eraser), have it looked at. If a mole grows in size, you should have it checked.

Other red flags: Changes in the surface of a mole—scaliness, oozing, or bleeding—or in sensation, including itchiness, tenderness, or pain; the spread of pigment from the border into surrounding skin; the appearance of a bump or nodule.

Five Steps to Effective Self-Examination

Periodic self-examinations increase the likelihood that you'll catch a



skin cancer lesion in its more curable early stages. Starting with a full-length mirror, a hand mirror, and a brightly lit room, here are the steps the American Academy of Dermatology recommends you take to scan your body for suspicious growths.

1. In the full-length mirror, examine your body, front and back. Then with arms raised, scan your right and left sides.
2. Bend your elbows, and look carefully at forearms and upper underarms and palms.
3. Next, look at the backs of your legs and feet—including the spaces between your toes and your soles.
4. Using a hand mirror, examine the back of your neck and scalp, parting your hair to give you a clearer view.
5. Finally, check your back and buttocks with the help of a hand mirror.

It's also wise, particularly if you have a family history of skin cancer, to make an annual visit to a dermatologist to get a professional view on the condition of your skin.

Skin Cancer Facts and Figures

Malignant melanoma has increased dramatically over the years. According to a recent article in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, the lifetime risk for developing melanoma in the 1930s was 1 in 1,500; by the year 2000, this figure is projected to increase to a startling 1 in 75.

The average age for diagnosis with the disease seems to be mid-40s. If treated early, melanoma lesions are more than 95 percent curable. If, however, they reach half a centimeter or more in size, they have a less than 50 percent chance of being cured. If the cancer spreads to the lymph nodes, the news is worse still: Only one-third will be cured. Those with distant metastases are almost never cured and rarely survive long-term.

There is hope, however, that one day soon those with advanced cases of melanoma can be helped. Right now, the University of Pennsylvania Cancer Center is working to perfect a vaccine that won't prevent the disease but may help stimulate the immune system to recognize—and attack—the invading cancer cells.

The cure rate for both basal cell and squamous cell carcinomas is at least 95 percent, when properly treated, leaving the death rate for these skin cancers at least half what it is for melanoma sufferers.

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Winning Results at Ardsley Country Club

Thanks to George Pierpoint III and his staff for hosting the MetGCSA Two-Man Best Ball Qualifier at Ardsley Country Club on Tuesday, April 27. Those of us who participated were treated to a beautiful golf course with spectacular views of the Hudson River.

Thanks also to Ardsley General Manager Ted Hennis and his staff, as well as PGA Pro Jim Bender and his staff for providing such wonderful accommodations and making us feel welcome at Ardsley.

Two-Man Best Ball Qualifier

Low Gross Winners

74 Tony Grasso, *Metropolis Country Club*/Scott Tretera, *Elmwood Country Club*

Low Net Winners

Jim C. Fulwider, *Century Country Club*/Jim R. Fulwider, *Life A*

Jim Calladio, *Milbrook Club*/Tony Girardi, *Rockrimmon Country Club*

John Alexander, *Cranbury Golf Club*/Sean Cain, *Sunningdale Country Club*

Nearest to the Pin

John Apple, *Westchester Ford Tractor*

Longest Drive

Earl Millett, *Ridgeway Country Club*

Two-Ball Qualifiers and First-Round Matches

Class A Qualifiers/First-Round Matches

#1 Bill Perlee/Greg Moore

vs. #16 Tony Baviello/Matt Ceplo

#2 Jim C. Fulwider/Jim R. Fulwider

vs. #15 Bob Alonzi/Joe Alonzi

#3 Tony Grasso/Scott Tretera

vs. #14 Dennis Flynn/Peter Rappoccio

#4 Jim Calladio/Tony Girardi

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vs. #12 Earl Millett/John O'Keefe

#6 John Streeter/Les Kennedy

vs. #11 Larry Pakkala/Scott Niven

#7 Mike Miner/Bob Welch

vs. #10 Matt Severino/Scott Zalinsky

#8 Steve Sweet/Jeff Wentworth

vs. #9 Chuck Martineau/Fred Scheyhing

Affiliate Qualifiers/First-Round Matches

#1 Mike Cook/Ken Clear

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vs. #6 Bob Lippman Jr./Bob Lippman

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Two-Ball Championship Contestants Take Note

Your first-round match should have been completed by June 14. The balance of your matches should be completed according to the following schedule:

- Quarter finals: on or before Tuesday, July 19
- Semi-finals: on or before Monday, August 23
- Finals: on or before Monday, October 4

The winning team is responsible for calling in the results to Pat Sisk at the Country Club of Fairfield, 203-254-1240.

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Willow Ridge Golf Results

A modified Pinehurst format was played as the MetGCSA held its annual Superintendent/Manager Tournament at the newly refurbished Willow Ridge Country Club on Monday, May 17.

Thanks to Bert and his staff who were well prepared to "show off" their handy work. Also thanks to General Manager Kevin Harrington, PGA Pro James Jond, and each of their staffs for helping to make the day a great success.

Superintendent/Manager Division

Gross Winners

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Minisceongo Golf Club

88 R. Zaletsky/Amann
New York Country Club

89* S. Cain/A. Ausserlechner
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Net Winners

65 E. Millett/E. Noroian
Ridgeway Country Club

69* B. Dickinson/K. Harrington
Willow Ridge Country Club

69* J. O'Keefe/C. Marggraff
Preakness Hills Country Club

* Won in Match of Cards

Member Division

Low Gross Winner

84 Ken Clear/Mike Cook,
Alpine, the Care of Trees

Low Net Winner

69 Bob Welch, *Rock Ridge CC*/
Joe Stahl, *Turf Partners, Inc.*

Nearest to the Pin

Manager: Dennis Harrington,
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Turf-Seed, Inc. has pledged \$.50 for every blue tag returned, while Tee-2-Green Corp. pledged \$1.00. The program, which began January 1, 1999, will run for the next five years.

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If you have any questions about the program, please contact Jack Schwartz at the foundation at 800-472-7878, ext. 465.

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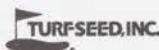
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Call The GCSAA Foundation for more information at (800) 472-7878 ext. 465.

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You can obtain an application by calling the GCSAA Service Center at 800-472-7878 or from the "Golf and the Environment" section of the GCSAA web site (www.gcsaa.org). You can print out the application or complete and submit it electronically. Entries are due to GCSAA by October 1, 1999.

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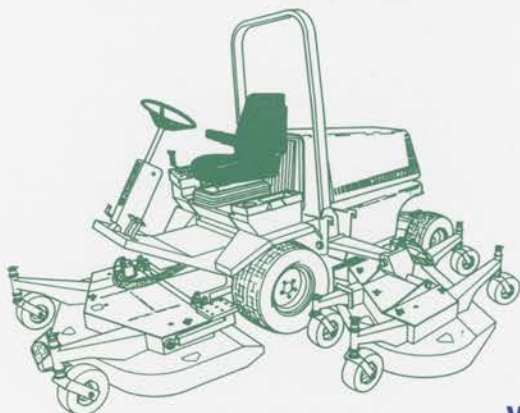
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