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CGSA/RAIN BIRD ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:

NOVEMBER 30, 2023

The Opportunity

The Canadian Golf Superintendents Association (CGSA)/Rain Bird Environmental Achievement Award recognizes the specific achievements of golf course superintendents and their staff in promoting and preserving the special relationship between golf course properties and environmentally sustainable business practices. It helps to promote the stewardship role that superintendents play with respect to the environment, and it highlights the projects, management practices and innovations that golf course managers are implementing on an ongoing basis.

The award submissions need not be limited to new initiatives. If your facility has a cultural practice or operating policy that you believe is unique or that has increased your sustainability in a measurable way, you are encouraged to make a submission. If you have an existing or new environmental management plan or you have initiated a new practice that limits inputs or reduces impacts, it could be a winner.

The CGSA/Rain Bird Environmental Achievement Award sponsored by Rain Bird will be awarded annually to the superintendent whose submission is judged to be the best example of an activity, project or management approach that improves the sustainability of the golf facility. Consideration will be given to initiatives that demonstrate the potential for ongoing benefit and application to other facilities, as well as to measurable results.

The Criteria

Applications must be submitted by a **Superintendent or Golf Course Management member** of CGSA. The submission must include the award application and a typed 500-word description (including pictures where applicable) of the project, process, plan or procedure that is the basis of the application. It must be received by **November 30, 2023**.



All applications must be submitted electronically using the EAA application form found below, and which is also available on the CGSA website at www.golfsupers.com.

Who Will Select Award Winner?

A confidential selection committee consisting of CGSA superintendent members, and the Sponsor will be appointed to make the award selection.

The Award

This Award is solely sponsored by **Rain Bird** and the winner will receive an All-Access registration to **The Canadian** 2024 Golf Course Management Conference (GCMC) from February 27-29, 2024, at the Hotel Bonaventure in Montreal, Quebec; 4 nights' accommodation at the Hotel Bonaventure (room and tax for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights) and transportation costs to the conference location.

In addition, The winner will be presented by Rain Bird with their plaque during the Awards Luncheon at the GCMC awards ceremony. (Note this package could change if the CGSA is not able to hold an in-person conference in 2024).

The Deadline

The deadline for submission for the award is **November 30, 2023**.



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CGSA/RAIN BIRD ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD APPLICATION FORM

Please complete the application and e-mail it to the lmicucci@golfsupers.com. The decision of the selection committee is final. **All submissions must be made electronically by 11:59 PM EST on November 30, 2023.**

Membership No.: _____

Name: _____

Golf Course Name: _____

Address: _____

Home: Business:

City: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Course Information:

This information may appear on awards and promotional material should your submission be chosen.

When was the course built? _____

Who was the architect? _____

Type of course
(public,private,etc.): _____

Number of holes on course: _____

Additional information:
(any unique features of course
you feel relevant to application) _____



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Choose a specific environmental project, policy, program or practice that you have initiated on your course and document the environmental impact that this initiative has had at your facility.

The following are examples of the types of programs that you may be engaged in that would be applicable to this award (but you are not limited to these):

- Demonstration of good water monitoring, usage and saving practices implemented on the course by advanced techniques, audit procedures and comprehensive irrigation techniques
- Examples of integration of environmental stewardship into all areas of business
- Benchmarks in areas of environmental performance (e.g., Audubon certification, environmental awards)
- Evidence of implementation of monitoring programs related to environmental priorities (soil monitoring, irrigation audit or IPM implementation)
- Demonstrate continuous improvement with respect to environmental priorities by detailing the history of your club's efforts
- Corrective actions implemented at the root of environmental problems (demonstrating how they were solved)
- Examples of integrated initiatives with your community and industry suppliers
- Details of training and education of personnel both within your operation and through public relations
- Results of performance reviews by the environmental community and governing agencies
- Contingency plans or emergency situation programs
- Detailed IPM philosophy and program implemented by your club
- The development of an environmental management plan and / or a demonstration that it has been embraced by all stakeholders at your golf club (GM, pro, Board of Directors, staff)

Please Include the following with your application:

- Brief summary of the submission (500 words or less)
- Applicable pictures, if appropriate
- References
- Completed application form

E-mail the application form and all related documents to:

Lori Micucci
lmicucci@golfsupers.com

Contact Lori Micucci at the CGSA office (1-800-387-1056 extension 27) if you have any questions regarding the award.