



2026

CGSA JOHN B. STEEL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

This award is presented to an individual chosen by the CGSA Board of Directors who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the profession of Golf Course Superintendent. The nomination is open to anyone in the golf industry and should be known in the general golf community. The person does not have to be a current member of the CGSA.

An individual may be nominated by the Board of Directors of CGSA, by a CGSA "Superintendent" member or by a Regional Association.

The recipient of this award and their companion are provided All Access registration to **The Canadian** 2027 Golf Course Management Conference (CGCMC) from February 23-25, 2027; 4 nights' accommodation at the at the Host Hotel in Halifax, Nova Scotia and transportation costs to the conference location.

In addition, the winner will be presented with the prestigious award during the CGSA Awards Ceremony as part of the CGCMC in 2027.

The deadline for nominations is **November 30th** each year.

If you identify a potential nominee but you need help doing some research, please contact Lori at the CGSA office (1-800-387-1056/416-626-8873, ext. 27 or lmicucci@golfsupers.com).

A nominee must meet the following qualifications:

- 1) Must have made an outstanding lifetime contribution to the advancement of the profession of Golf Course Superintendent.
- 2) The nomination is open to anyone in the golf industry and should be known in the general golf community. This person does not have to be a current member of the CGSA.
- 3) The outstanding contribution may be, or have been, regional or national in scope.
- 4) The nominee may only be the recipient of this award once.
- 5) The nominee must be a respected person whose selection would draw positive attention to the CGSA.
- 6) The nominee should not be a person who would be (or could be) a candidate for Superintendent of the Year honours within five (5) years of their nomination for the John B. Steel Award.
- 7) The full submission must be received at the CGSA office by the nomination closing date of November 30, 2026.



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NOMINEE

Name: _____

Golf Course
Name: _____

Address: _____

Home: ☐

Business: ☐

City: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Are they a
CGSA Member: _____

Nominated by:



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Please add a one page “Testimonial” indicating the Nominee’s Accomplishments.

Send the application form and all related documents to: Lori Micucci at lmicucci@golfsupers.com

Previous Honourees: 1991: John B. Steel, 1992: Geoffrey Cornish, 1993: George “Mac” Frost, 1994: Dr. Clayton Switzer, 1995: Dr. Jack Eggens, 1996: David Gourlay Sr., 1997: Sid Puddicombe, 1998: Gordon Witteveen, 1999: Otto Jangl, 2000: Jim Wyllie, 2001: Keith Nisbet, 2002: Bob Wick, 2003: Blake Palmer, 2004: Don Campbell, 2005: Larry Brown, 2006: Gerry Lettner, 2007: Paul Dermott, 2008: Walter Gooder, 2009: R. Vince Gillis, 2010: Ashley LeGeyt, 2011: Ray Savard, 2012: Pelino Scenna, 2013: Robert T. Heron, 2014: James Ross, 2015: Rob Officer, 2016: Dean Morrison, MS, 2017: Barry Cochrane, 2018 Mark D. Kuhns, CGCS, 2019 David Boyd, AGS Emeritus, 2020 the late Stanley Thompson, 2021 R. Marie Thorne, 2022 Brian Youell, MS, AGS, 2023 the late John Bladon, 2024 Jim McGarvey, AGS Emeritus and 2025 Jerry Sihota, Retired.

The Board of Directors of the CGSA shall be the sole judge of the nominee’s qualifications to receive the award. The award may not be awarded in years when there are either no nominations received or if, in the opinion of the Board, no nominee meets the criteria.