

TurfNet

2017 Superintendent of the Year Award

presented by **syngenta**

2017 FINALISTS

Jorge Croda

Southern Oaks GC
Burleson, Texas

Mark Hoban

Rivermont GC
Johns Creek, Georgia

Chris Ortmeier

Champions GC
Houston, Texas

Josh Pope

The Greenbrier
White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia

Rick Tegtmeier

Des Moines G&CC
West Des Moines, Iowa

Recognizing the accomplishments of superintendents for a decade

To recognize the hard work you do on and off the course, Syngenta is proud to sponsor the Superintendent of the Year award for the 10th consecutive year.



Stephanie Schwenke

We applaud your dedication and passion for this industry as well as your determination to conquer its challenges, and we are excited to celebrate your hard work and success. Congratulations to all of the finalists nominated for the 2017 TurfNet Superintendent of the Year.

From proper planning, to hiring and mentoring employees, to conditioning your greens and fairways to perform at their best and quickly recover from stress, we are constantly impressed by how you go the extra mile when managing your course and teams. Through reviewing the many nominations for this award, we've seen how you continue to adapt your skills to perform at the highest level. We commend your attention to detail and commitment to producing outstanding aesthetics and playing conditions for your customers.

Our admiration and respect for you and this industry continues to grow as we honor another outstanding class of finalists for this award. Congratulations on your achievements; we appreciate your hard work and thank you for inspiring us. We wish you all the best in 2018.

Stephanie Schwenke
Turf Market Manager, Syngenta

PAST WINNERS

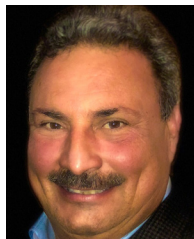
- 2016: Dick Gray**
PGA GC
Port St. Lucie, FL
- 2015: Matt Gourlay**
Colbert Hills
Manhattan, KS
- 2014: Fred Gehrisch**
Highlands Falls CC
Highlands, NC
- 2013: Chad Mark**
Kirtland CC
Willoughby, OH
- 2012: Dan Meersman**
Philadelphia Cricket Club
Flourtown, PA
- 2011: Paul Carter**
Bear Trace-Harrison Bay
Harrison Bay, TN
- 2010: Thomas Bastis**
California GC
S. San Francisco, CA
- 2009: Anthony Williams**
Stone Mountain GC
Stone Mountain, Georgia
- 2008: Sam MacKenzie**
Olympia Fields CC
Olympia Fields, IL
- 2007: John Zimmers**
Oakmont CC
Oakmont, PA
- 2006: Scott Ramsay**
GC at Yale
New Haven, CT
- 2005: Mark Burchfield**
Victoria Club
Riverside, CA
- 2004: Stuart Leventhal**
Interlachen CC
Winter Park, FL
- 2003: Paul Voykin**
Briarwood CC
Deerfield, IL
- 2002: Jeff Burgess**
Seven Lakes GC
Windsor, ON
- 2001: Kip Tyler**
Salem CC
Salem, MA
- 2000: Kent McCutcheon**
Las Vegas Paiute Resort
Las Vegas, NV

2017 Finalists

Jorge Croda

Southern Oaks GC: Burlleson, Texas

With minimal resources and labor, turned a dilapidated course into one of the best in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, simultaneously promotes the profession, the stead of minority workers and junior golf.



Mark Hoban

Rivermont GC: Johns Creek, Georgia

A true innovator in the quest for sustainability. He is rewriting the book on how to provide great conditions through organic management at a modest family owned course in one of the game's hottest markets.



Chris Ortmeier

Champions GC: Houston, Texas

Saved the 36-hole facility that was the site of the 1967 Ryder Cup not once, but twice. Resurrected it after years of neglect then brought it back again within weeks of being struck by Hurricane Harvey.



Josh Pope

The Greenbrier: White Sulphur Springs, WV

When flooding decimated the Old White Course days before the PGA Tour's Greenbrier Classic in 2016, Pope went through hell and highwater in leading the comeback in time for the 2017 tournament.



Rick Tegtmeier

Des Moines G&CC: West Des Moines, Iowa

Headed a four-year renovation project that culminated with the 2017 Solheim Cup, which in turn Tegtmeier used to showcase the skills of other Iowa superintendents who volunteered for the event.



Honoring those who know what it takes to build a strong program.

Syngenta congratulates all finalists of the 2017 TurfNet Superintendent of the Year Award.



syngenta®

 [@SyngentaTurf](#) | [#ConditionPerformRecover](#)

©2018 Syngenta. GreenCast®, the Alliance Frame, the Purpose icon and the Syngenta logo are trademarks of a Syngenta Group Company. Syngenta Customer Center: 1-866-SYNGENT(A) (796-4368). 1LGG7054-SOY-GISP 10/17