

2020 Environmental Excellence Award Honorees Announced by ASGCA



Duxbury Yacht Club, Duxbury, MA

BROOKFIELD, WI - The 2020 American Society of Golf Course Architects Environmental Excellence Awards honorees have been named. Projects from six golf facilities have been cited for their work with ASGCA members in addressing unique environmental challenges. The program is presented by Ewing Irrigation & Landscape Supply.

The Environmental Excellence Awards program was introduced in 2019 to recognize the innovative work being done at golf facilities to address the needs of the environment. Golf course architects work with course owners, operators and managers to make a positive impact on the game and the host community.

The submissions were reviewed by a panel of golf industry and environmental leaders, including representatives of Audubon International, GEO Foundation, Golf Course Superintendents Association of America and National Golf Course Owners Association.

The recognized courses are:

- Diablo Country Club, Diablo, California
- Duxbury Yacht Club, Duxbury, Massachusetts -*Sanford Golf Design*
- Links on the Bayou, Alexandria, Louisiana
- Rockland Country Club, Sparkill, New York
- Seletar Country Club, Singapore
- Shenandoah Country Club, West Bloomfield, Michigan

“This is a stellar group of projects being recognized this year,” ASGCA President Jan Bel Jan said. “I extend hearty congratulations to each of these facilities’ operators and the golf course architects for their commitment to improving the environmental landscape while also assisting the facilities in becoming more sustainable and profitable. Additionally, my thanks to Ewing Irrigation & Landscape Supply for their continued support.”

Duxbury Yacht Club, Duxbury, Massachusetts – *John Sanford, ASGCA*

Maintaining turf on Duxbury Yacht Club’s 120 acres golf course presented environmental and economic challenges. The golf course’s environmental diversity extends from the bay’s ecologically sensitive marshlands to the tree-lined upland fairways. A well-executed Master Plan resulted in reduced water consumption along with fertilizer and pesticide use including conversion of 20 acres of irrigated turf to unirrigated native fescue areas. Maintained turfgrass was reduced by approximately 30 percent. Adding native fescue areas and rebuilding bunkers have dramatically enhanced the environmental and aesthetic appeal of the course.