GCSAA honors Skogley, Brandt, others

Researchers, superintendents, golfers join those garnering organization's citations

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America has presented Distinguished Service Awards to James W. Brandt and Dr. C. Richard Skogley, its Leo Feser Award to Sherwood A. Moore and the Old Tom Morris Award to Juan "Chi Chi" Rodriguez.

The GCSAA honored the men at the 60th International Golf Course Conference and Show in February.

Brandt, a past president of the GCSAA, recently retired after 35 years as superintendent at Danville Country Club in Illinois.

A graduate of Oklahoma State University, Brandt earned a master's degree from Purdue University. He was an officer of the Indiana GCSA and the Midwest Turfgrass Foundation and helped organize the Central Illinois GCSA, serving as its president for five years.

Brandt also was one of the founders of the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation, which was instrumental in starting the turfgrass program at the University of Illinois.

Skogley is a professor of turfgrass agronomy and a turfgrass researcher at the University of Rhode Island, where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees. He earned his doctorate from Rutgers University.

Skogley has focused on management and plant improvement in his research, and has spoken at many seminars on such topics as bentgrass species and varieties for golf turfgrass.

An honorary member of New England area golf course superintendents organizations, Skogley has served as a chapter newsletter editor and on GCSAA national committees.

The Leo Feser Award, presented each year for the best-written article by a GCSAA member for Golf Course Management magazine, went to Moore for his May 1988 article "The Wisdom of Experience."

A past president of GCSAA and long-time contributor to the magazine, Moore said, "I am quite surprised and honored to receive this award. I feel fortunate to have been a friend of Leo Feser. It is an honor to accept an award named after such a great individual."

Rodriguez was honored for his work with disadvantaged children at the Chi Chi Rodriguez Youth Foundation in Clearwater, Fla.

Presenting the award, GCSAA outgoing president John A. Segui said, "Mr. Rodriguez has truly demonstrated the characteristics so commonly associated with Old Tom Morris. He has dedicated his life to promoting the game, but more so, he has dedicated his life to helping his fellow man."

Rodriguez, who has a dozen Senior Tour victories, said, "My greatest victory is when one of my kids gets a college degree. Golf is only a means by which to help others."

Old Tom Morris Award winners over the years:
- 1941 — Frank W. Ermer
- 1940 — John A. Segui

Dr. C. Richard Skogley

Linda Nagalo of Cactus & Pine GCSA's "Cactus Clippings" won the Best Flag Award. The award for best original editorial content was presented to Ronald W. Kirkman of the GCSA of New England's "The Newsletter."

Past winners of the GCSAA awards

Old Tom Morris

1988 — Gene Saradin
1987 — Robert Trent Jones Sr.
1986 — Patty Berg
1985 — Gerald Ford
1984 — Bob Hope
1983 — Arnold Palmer

Leo Feser

1980 — Sherwood Moore
1987 — David E. Hassel
1986 — David C. Harmon
1985 — Theodore W. Woehrle
1984 — Jerry W. Redden
1983 — Gordon C. Bidwell
1982 — Louis E. Miller
1981 — Paul N. Voykin
1980 — Donald J. Fakkala
1979 — Oliver Miles
1978 — Dan Jones
1977 — James M. Hildebrand
1976 — Tom Dawson Jr.

Distinguished Service

1988 — Dr. Jack Butler
1987 — William B. Davis
1986 — Dr. Kenyon Payne
1985 — Eberhard Steinaiger, CGCS
1984 — John J. R. Love
1983 — David S. Gourlay Sr.
1982 — Andrew Berton
1981 — John B. Steel
1980 — Howard Karwer
1979 — Chester Mendenhall
1978 — James L. Blackledge
1977 — William C. Campbell
1976 — Clifford A. Wagoner
1975 — Gordon C. Bidwell
1974 — Keith Nisbet
1973 — James W. Brandt
1972 — Sherwood Moore
1971 — Richard C. Blake
1970 — Dr. Roy L. Goss
1969 — Oyvind J. Noer
1968 — James W. Brandt
1967 — Walter R. Boysen
1966 — Dr. Joseph Troll
1965 — Dr. John C.Harper II
1964 — Dr. Charles G. Baskin
1963 — John P. Gourley
1962 — Dr. Charles Allen
1961 — James A. Wyllie
1960 — Dr. William H. Daniel
1959 — Dr. James R. Love
1958 — Dr. Roy L. Goss
1957 — Dr. Alfred J. Bidwell
1956 — Dr. Charles G. Baskin
1955 — Dr. James R. Love
1954 — Dr. Richard Duble
1953 — Paul E. Weiss Sr.
1952 — Dr. John A. Segui
1951 — Dr. William H. Daniel
1950 — Dr. James R. Love
1949 — Dr. Edward Roberts Jr.
1948 — Dr. Thomas Dawson Jr.
1947 — Dr. Ronald J. Moore
1946 — Dr. John C. Harper II
1945 — Dr. John P. Gourley
1944 — Dr. James R. Love
1943 — Dr. James R. Love
1942 — Dr. James R. Love
1941 — Dr. James R. Love
1940 — Dr. James R. Love

Past presidents

1988 — John A. Segui
1987 — Donald Hearn
1986 — Riley L. Stottern
1985 — Eugene D. Baston
1984 — James W. Timmerman
1983 — Robert W. Osterman
1982 — James A. Wyllie
1981 — Michael R. Bavier
1979 — Charles H. Tagge
1978 — George W. Cleaver
1977 — Theodore W. Woehrle
1976 — Richard W. Malpass
1975 — Palmer Maples Jr.
1974 — Charles G. Baskin
1973 — Clifford A. Wagoner
1972 — Robert V. Mitchell
1971 — Richard C. Blake
1970 — Norman W. Kramer
1969 — John J. Spodnik
1968 — Walter W. Brandt
1967 — Walter R. Boysen
1966 — Edward Roberts Jr.
1965 — L.R. Shields
1964 — David S. Moote
1963 — Roy W. Nelson
1962 — Sherwood A. Moore
1961 — L.E. Lambert
1960 — James E. Thomas
1959 — Elmer G. Border
1958 — Robert W. Osterman
1957 — Paul E. Weiss Sr.
1956 — A. Ward Cornell
1955 — William Beresford
1954 — Norman C. Johnson
1953 — Leonard J. Strong
1952 — Malcolm E. McLaren
1951 — William H. Johnson
1950 — Ray H. Gerber
1949 — Carl A. Brezlieff
1948 — Chester Mendenhall
1947-48 — Marshall E. Farnham
1947 — Harold W. Stodola
1946 — John Gray
1945 — Frank W. Ermer
1944 — Joseph Ryan
1943 — John Quail
1942 — John Anderson
1941 — Fred A. Burkhardt
1940 — W.J. Sansom
1933 — John MacGregor
1926-32 — Colonel John Morley