GCSAA honoring some of industry's most distinguished

Six-time PGA Player of the Year Tom Watson will be one of several people honored during the 63rd GCSAA International Golf Course Conference and Show on Feb. 17 in New Orleans.

Tom Watson will be presented the Old Tom Morris Award, the highest honor of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, at the closing banquet.

Meanwhile, ceremonies on Feb. 13, George M. Kozelnicky of Athens, Ga., and C.E. "Tuck" Tate of Sarasota, Fla., will receive the organization's 1992 Distinguished Service Awards and Ken Flisek, of The Club at Nevillewood near Pittsburgh, will be given the 1992 Leo Feser Editorial Award.

GCSAA established the Old Tom Morris Award in 1982 to recognize individuals who have made outstanding lifetime contributions to the game. The award is named in memory of Old Tom Morris (1821-1900), greenkeeper and golf professional at the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland.

In his nomination for the award, Watson was cited for his charitable and community efforts. The Children's Mercy Hospital Golf Classic is an 18-hole exhibition team match hosted by Watson which raises money for the local Kansas City (Mo.) hospital. Every year since 1980, Watson has brought in golf's finest players for one-day golf match. The Golf Classic has raised more than $3.5 million for Children's Mercy Hospital.

Watson's "Clubs For Kids" gives boys and girls in the Greater Kansas City area an opportunity to learn about golf that they ordinarily would not have. The biennial event was initiated the chapter's newsletter and until two years ago was editor, staff writer, layout designer and circulation manager.

While professor of plant pathology at the University of Georgia, Kozelnicky researched spring dead spot. After retirement, Kozelnicky handled chapter business from his home until the association moved into a new office in 1988. He was succeeded in 1989 by Karen White.

Tate, 81, owner/operator of the Frankfort (Mich.) Golf Club until retirement, in 1986 received the Distinguished Service Award from the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation of which he is a past president.

Tate was on the board of directors during acquisition and construction of Hancock Turfgrass Research Center at Michigan State University. He endowed a scholarship fund, which now exceeds $100,000, for MSU turf students.

The Feser Award is presented for best article written by a GCSAA member superintendent and published in *Golf Course Management*.


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**Watson latest of Old Tom Morris winners**

Past winners of the GCSA's Old Tom Morris Award are:

- 1992 — Tom Watson
- 1991 — William Campbell
- 1990 — Sherwood Moore
- 1989 — Chi Chi Rodriguez
- 1988 — Gene Sarazen
- 1986 — Patty Berg
- 1985 — Gerald Ford
- 1984 — Bob Hope
- 1983 — Arnold Palmer

**Flisek latest among Feser honorees**

Former Leo Feser winners:

- 1991 — Ken Flisek
- 1990 — Gary Schinderle
- 1989 — Ted Sartor, Superintendant of GCSAA presidents

Past presidents of GCSA are:

- 1991 — Stephen Cadenelli
- 1990 — Gerald Faubel
- 1989 — Dennis Lyon
- 1988 — John A. Segui
- 1987 — Donald Hearn
- 1986 — Riley L. Stottem
- 1985 — Eugene D. Baxton
- 1984 — James W. Thimmeman
- 1983 — Robert W. Osterman
- 1982 — James A. Wyffe
- 1981 — Michael R. Beyer
- 1979 — Charles H. Tadge
- 1978 — George W. Cleaver
- 1977 — Theodore W. Woehrle
- 1976 — Richard W. Malpass
- 1975 — Dr. William H. Daniel
- 1974 — Charles G. Baskin
- 1973 — Clifford A. Wagoner
- 1972 — Robert V. Mitchell
- 1971 — Richard C. Blake
- 1970 — Norman W. Kramer
- 1969 — John J. Spodnik

**Bill Roberts expected to join distinguished line of GCSAA presidents**

Bill Roberts — the choice for 1992