MetGCSA honors Lucas with '96 Moore award

OLD GREENWICH, Conn. — Superintendent Pat Lucas of Innis Arden Golf Club here has been presented the Sherwood A. Moore Award for 1996 by the Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Association (MetGCSA).

Announcing the selection, Westchester Country Club superintendent Joe Alonzi, immediate past president of the MetGCSA, said: "Pat has added a new dimension to the word devotion both in his veteran career and life in general. No one is more dedicated to the cause, welfare and benefit of the golf course superintendent than Pat."

A former editor of the MetGCSA's Tee to Green newsletter, Lucas served on the association board for 11 years and as its president for a term.

The graduate of University of Massachusetts School of Turf Management also holds a degree in club management from Manhattanville College in Purchase.

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appreciative of it — maybe more so than the members who see it all the time.

“You don’t change a lot. You double-cut for quicker greens. But the course is close to tournament conditions most of the time. We let the roughs grow a little. The LPGA doesn’t want you to change much.”

In the 26 years Kirkpatrick has been a superintendent the greatest changes he has seen have been the quality of turfgrass, the speed at which chores need to be done, and the advent of tremendous aeration equipment — from deep-tine to Hydroject.

“The fairways are like greens used to be,” he said, “and the play is so busy it’s hard working around the golfers. Plus, we’re in the middle of the city and because of noise laws, we can’t make noise before 7 a.m. That has necessitated a larger crew — from 15 in 1978 to 22 or 23 in the summer now — and using walking greensmowers. The crew is a little larger but we use more part-timers.”

When not spending time on his course or with his family, Kirkpatrick plays golf. “I think it’s very important that superintendents play golf,” he said. “You really see your golf course and others’ courses in a different light. You see all the things golfers complain about — whether a green, or puffy lies, or whatever. If you’re driving on your machines you might not see it.”

N.J. cites Pedrazzini for distinguished service

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Peter Pedrazzini Sr., who retired last year after 31 years as superintendent at Crestmont Country Club in Florham Park, was presented the Distinguished Service Award by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey (GCSANJ) during the Turf Expo here recently.

The award recognizes a lifetime commitment and service to the superintendent’s profession and GCSANJ.

Pedrazzini served on the GCSANJ board for a number of years, including two as secretary and two as vice president. Meanwhile, GCSANJ presented Shaun Barry with the first annual Member of the Year Award. Barry was first elected as a director in 1987 and continued on the board as commercial representative. He helped run the GCSANJ Invitational until 1991 when he was appointed chairman of the committee. He has also done other board duties.

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Dollar spot was also Dave Anderson’s problem, as well as brown patch on his ryegrass fairways.