Angie Wins GCSAA Outstanding Service Award

The GCSAA Executive Committee has voted to present Angelo Cammarota, COCS, with the Golden Anniversary Outstanding Service Award. This award, based on Angie’s contributions to the profession and personal achievements that furthered the advancement of golf course superintendents, will be presented to Angie at the banquet honoring our 50th anniversary on September 13, 1976, at the Ramada Inn—Southwyck, in Toledo, Ohio. Arnold Palmer will be the keynote speaker at this banquet.

Congratulations on the well-deserved award, Angie from all the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents. Following is a letter Bill Emerson wrote on behalf of our Board of Directors which best explains why we love our Angie. Also we are publishing the accomplishments of Angelo Cammarota over the past years which have earned him this award.

Public Relations Committee
Golf Course Superintendents Association of America
1617 St. Andrews Drive
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Gentlemen:

The Board of Directors of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents, at its March 16, 1976 meeting, discussed thoroughly the “Outstanding Service Award” that the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America will present at its Golden Anniversary celebration. The result of our discussion is that the Board voted unanimously to nominate Angelo Cammarota, certified Golf Course Superintendent at Hobbitts Glen Country Club and All View Golf Club in Columbia, Maryland, for this award.

Angelo Cammarota, better known to people of the Green Industry in our area as Angie, has been an outstanding member of the Mid-Atlantic, serving in every elected position our Association has, since joining us in 1959. Angie has also maintained continuous membership in the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America and the Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents since 1946, his first year as a Golf Course Superintendent.

We in the Mid-Atlantic Association have long looked to Angie for leadership. Nothing he says is ignored because we know that he is totally dedicated to the advancement of our chosen profession. Angie is our voice when it comes to Golf Course Superintendent Association of America affairs because of his grasp of the facts and ability to present our views, be they popular or otherwise.

The Mid-Atlantic annually presents awards to members for their efforts on behalf of our Association. In 1968, we introduced our highest award, that of “Golf Course Superintendent of the Year”. Angelo Cammarota was the first choice of the membership, no small honor considering the caliber of the competition.

To assist you with your very difficult task of selecting the recipient of the “Outstanding Service Award” we have enclosed a detailed profile of our candidate.

It states in Angelo Cammarota’s profile that he was an

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President’s Message

What’s happening to the attendance at our monthly meetings? I realize that we’re into our critical time of the year but that’s no excuse to shun our educational meetings. Whether we all realize it or not, most of the clubs which host our monthly meetings, require, in advance, the number of members and guests that plan to attend, this is in order to schedule the food and help needed. The return card arrangement has been tried but it hasn’t proved too successful. Guessing on the attendance has worked occasionally, but this year it’s flopped. It’s not fair to the membership that their dues are used to pay for uneaten meals. Do we have to consider billing for ten meeting dinners when we send out our notices for the yearly dues? Should we bill in advance when we send the monthly meeting notice and not allow anyone attendance if they don’t return the payment beforehand? These are a couple of the many possible avenues that your board of directors will be looking at during the next couple of months.

While we’re on the subject of attendance, let’s show our hosts, the Milligans, what it’s like to attend a real country picnic, see ya’ll there!

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by Angelo Cammarota

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1935-1945 Employed in golf course maintenance at The Tavistock Country Club, the last five years as an assistant to my father.
1946-1952 Golf Course Superintendent at Cooper River Golf Course and Iron Rock Country Club, Pennsauken, N.J.
1953-1958 Assistant to Manager of the bars and dining rooms at Tavistock Country Club (weekends & evening hours only). Daytime hours spent in managing my own landscape service

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organizer of the Maryland Turfgrass Council. The Green Industry people of Maryland know that without Angie we would probably still be without a Turfgrass Council. Angie not only organized the Council, he served as its first President for 1973 and 1974 and is still on its Board of Directors.

In closing, we would like to add that we’re not quite sure whether Angie joined the Mid-Atlantic in 1959, or we joined him.

Respectfully submitted,
William J. Emerson
Vice President
On behalf of the
Board of Directors
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