



GCSAA NEWS

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The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) announces the recipients of the Association's Distinguished Service Award (DSA) for 1985. Receiving this prestigious award are Clifford W. Wagoner, CGCS, William C. Campbell and James L. Blackledge. Blackledge receives the award posthumously. The awards will be officially presented during the Opening Session of GCSAA's 56th Annual International Golf Course Conference and Show in Washington, D.C., February 5-13, 1985.

The coveted Distinguished Service Award is presented to those individuals who have demonstrated dedication and outstanding service to golf course superintendents and the profession. The award was first presented in 1932.

Clifford W. Wagoner, CGCS, golf course superintendent of the Del Rio Golf and Country Club, Calif., has served golf, especially the golf course superintendent's profession, in almost every way conceivable.

Wagoner has been a GCSAA member since 1956 and served on the Executive Committee from 1968-74; as secretary-treasurer, Vice President, and as President in 1973. He has also served GCSAA as chairman of six committees and as a member of five other committees.

Wagoner was co-chairman of the Certification Committee and wrote the first draft of GCSAA's Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS) program. He recently served that same committee in the review and upgrading of the CGCS program.

Wagoner is very active at the local and regional levels of the Association. He joined the Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California in 1951 and has served as a member of that Board for 24 years, secretary for five years, vice president for one year and president for three terms.

Among his other contributions: assisting in the development of turfgrass programs for community colleges; serving on the USGA Green Section Committee; helping to organize the USGA-GCSA of Northern Calif.; serving on the PGA Advisory Committee; and establishing turfgrass research scholarships.



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The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) is planning two war memorial ceremonies February 11, 1985 during GCSAA's 56th Annual International Golf Course Conference and Show in Washington, D.C.

One of the ceremonies -- planned with the assistance of U.S. Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole (R-Kan.) -- will be at the Vietnam Memorial. The other will be at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in conjunction with the Spouse Program.

Wreaths will be laid at both shrines in honor of those who made the supreme sacrifice for their country. (Further details on the two ceremonies will be furnished later).

Veterans of all nations who served during the Vietnam War, the Korean Conflict, World War II and World War I, as well as others who are interested, are invited to participate in the ceremonies. Veterans of these wars are especially needed to assist with the wreath laying.

Anyone, especially veterans, interested in assisting with the ceremonies are asked to contact GCSAA Associate Executive Director James G. Prusa, CGCS, by calling toll free 1-800-GSA-SUPT.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

The Nominating Committee of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) has announced a slate of seven candidates for GCSAA offices for 1985. The 1985 officers will be elected February 12 at the annual membership meeting which will be held during the Association's 56th Annual International Golf Course Conference and Show in Washington, D.C., February 5-13, 1985.

The 1985 nominees are Eugene D. Baston, CGCS, Alabama, for President; Donald E. Hearn, CGCS, Mass., and Riley L. Stottern, CGCS, Utah, for Vice President; and, for three director positions, are Gerald L. Faubel, Mich., Dennis D. Lyon, CGCS, Colo., William R. Roberts, CGCS, Wis., and John A. Segui, CGCS, Penn.