



Lifetime Achievement Award for Richard Campey

Richard Campey, Managing Director of Campey Turf Care Systems of Macclesfield, has won the Lifetime Achievement Award at the IOG Industry Awards at the Reebok Stadium, Bolton.

Richard has spent the past 25 years promoting a strategy of best practice in sports ground renovation and maintenance, which has not only enabled him to build a successful company but importantly also help ensure that young people especially have the best possible playing surfaces at their disposal.

In addition, Richard's 'natural instinct' for the turf care business has also earned him a reputation as someone who sets industry standards – he was, for example, the person who introduced, in 1997, the Koro machine to this country.

The impact this has had on the way sports pitches are managed today is profound – and koroing is now a recognised generic term in the industry.

The Award was presented, in Richard's absence, to Campey Turf Care Systems Sales Director, Simon Gumbrill, by Richard Walton from category sponsor Everris

and Richard responded via a video and skype link.

"I am surprised and delighted to receive this award and would like to thank the IOG and all those who voted for me." said Richard

"I have been in this industry for 35 years, 25 running my own business.

"I learned a lot in those early days but I owe thanks to two people in particular, both Head groundsmen at the time; Archie McTaggart, of

University of London Motspur Park and Bert Flack from Old Trafford.

"I have never forgotten how they taught me the importance of instilling your knowledge in the next generation.

"Educating the young in the methods of 'best practice' is as important today as it was back then, and this is integral to the way we operate at Campey Turf Care.

Thanks again to everyone for their recognition."



James Snow Retires

James T. Snow, National Director of the USGA Green Section since 1990, has announced his retirement effective at the end of this year.

Jim began his career with the USGA Green Section in 1976. He served as an agronomist in the Northeast Region from 1977 to 1982, and then as director of the Northeast Region from 1982 to 1990.

In 1990 he assumed his current role as national director. During his tenure, his numerous responsibilities included overseeing the Turf Advisory Service and a staff of 18 agronomists, the Construction Education Program, the Turfgrass and Environmental Research Program, and the Green Section Education Program. A prolific writer, he also guided the Green Section Record magazine as its Editor.

One of Jim's strengths is fostering partnerships. In 1991, he vigorously supported the creation of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses. Under his direction, the USGA contributed more than \$1.5 million since the program's creation to assist its growth in becoming an award-winning education and certification program that helps golf courses protect the environment and the natural heritage of the game of golf.

He also secured a \$1 million grant from the USGA to help fund and support the Turfgrass Information File (TGIF) at Michigan State University, the largest turfgrass database in the world. He has been a longtime advocate of turfgrass research issues concerning golf turf. Thanks to Jim's leadership, since 1983 the USGA has provided more than \$31 million to fund turf and environmental research across the country, effectively impacting golf courses around the world.

SCOTTISH REGION CONFERENCE

The 2012 BIGGA Scottish Conference will take place at the Carnegie Conference Centre, Carnegie College, Dunfermline on Tuesday, March 6.

Speakers include Grant Moir, Director-Rules of Golf, The R&A; Robert Smith, Souters Irrigation Services Ltd/Graeme Francis, Revaho UK, and Les Howkins MG, Course Manager, Richmond Golf Club.

Other speakers include Robert Patterson, Course Manager, Royal Aberdeen Golf Club, David Vrooman, The Anderson's, Turf &

Speciality Group, and John Philp, MBE, Course Superintendent, Carnoustie Links.

Tickets cost £35, which includes tea/coffee on arrival, coffee/pastry at the mid morning break and buffet lunch.

Full details and booking forms will be posted to all members in Scotland and further forms can be obtained by contacting Peter J.Boyd, Regional Administrator.

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