

THE CHARLES BARTLETT AWARD

While serving as president of the MAGCS in 1967, Dudley Smith proposed an award to a Midwest member for his achievement in journalism and or public speaking. The purpose was to foster public relations; and to arouse some of the latent talent in our membership.

The Award was NOT to be a routine annual presentation, but rather a special citation to the superintendent who prepared an outstanding paper or lecture before a regional or national audience.

The plaque was named in memory of Charles Bartlett, sports columnist of the CHICAGO TRIBUNE. Mr. Bartlett covered golf for 36 years for the Tribune. He founded the GOLF WRITERS ASSOCIATION of AMERICA, and was secretary of that organization for 21 years until his death. Bartlett's weekly column, "The Locker Room" in the Sunday Tribune, was the page read first in most golfing homes. He interceded for the superintendent when the public wanted to know what "ice sheet damage" or the "dog days of August" was all about. Charles Bartlett pleaded with the greenkeeper to doff his Oshkosh overalls, to mingle, to be seen and heard. The Charles Bartlett Award was presented to Paul Voykin, for the remarkable feat of writing the book "A Perfect Lawn the Easy Way" which Rand McNally published in 1969. In 1971, Ray Gerber was awarded The Charles Bartlett Award for public relations. Robert Williams was another Bartlett recipient for a paper he presented at the C.D.G.A. spring seminar. At the North Central Turfgrass Exposition at the Arlington Hilton in November, the Charles Bartlett Award will be presented again.

Would you like to win this honor? Get the typewriter out of the closet, sit down and put your thoughts on paper. Let us all benefit.

Henry J. Schaul, owner of Schaul & Sons Golf Course Construction, Mundelein, Illinois died of cancer on April 7, 1983. He was only 55 years old.

Hank was raised in Peotone, and later moved to the Niles area. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of WW 2. His wife, Marion; five sons: Dale, Terry, Skip, Scott and Craig; and two daughters, Donna and Sharon live in Mundelein.

"Bulldozer Hank" started with his uncle, Ray Didier, former superintendent at Tam O Shanter, in the nursery business. This expanded to remodeling golf greens and installing fairway drainage systems.

In 1952, they built the golf course at Downey Veterans Hospital in North Chicago for the CDGA.

Hank was friendly with all Midwest superintendents, as he worked on more than 30 of our golf courses. The beauty of his work can be appreciated at Butterfield, and Northmoor and Mission Hills. Most recently Hank completed Kemper Lakes, Bon Vivant and Evanston golf clubs. An artist at finish grading, he never left any rubble or clean-up work for the superintendent.

Gardening was Hank's hobby. His backyard greenhouse provided many exotic houseplants for our wives. We greenkeepers were kept supplied with jars of pickled vegetables, "hot" peppers, and Luxembourg sausages.

The LORD must need some refinements on that great golf course upstairs, to reach down and summon Hank from us.

Adios, pardner!

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