MAGCS Member Dan Quast to Receive Distinguished Service Award

Danny H. Quast, CGCS, a MAGCS member who until 2001 served as superintendent at Medinah Country Club, will receive the GCSAA's 2004 Distinguished Service Award at the International Golf Course Conference and Show in San Diego.

Quast, now retired from the superintendent's role, has directly influenced his profession by furthering many careers with his tireless dedication to professional development. A past president of the Miami Valley GCSA, Quast also has served on the GCSAA's information services committee, the Wisconsin GCSA's Board of Directors, the USGA Green Section Committee and the O.J. Noer Foundation Board of Directors. He worked at prestigious Milwaukee Country Club before coming to

Medinah, While at Medinah, Quast triumphantly hosted the 1990 U.S. Open and 1999 PGA Championship. He is the founder of The Grass Roots, the acclaimed official magazine of the Wisconsin GCSA.

The GCSAA will also honor Gordon LaFontaine and Gordon C. Witteveen. LaFontaine, a former executive director and past president of the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation, has selflessly devoted his time and resources to the advancement of the turfgrass industry in Michigan, and around the nation. For more than 30 years, he has played an influential role in advancing turfgrass research and education, while unifying turfgrass organizations, GCSAA chapters and state agencies across the country.

Witteveen, a published author, historian and former golf course superintendent, has been a powerful voice for golf course superintendents across Canada and the United States for more than 40 years. A founding member and past president of the Canadian Golf Superintendents Association (CGSA), Witteveen has written or co-authored four books concerning turfgrass and the superintendent profession, most notably Keepers of The Green: A History of Golf Course Management and Practical Golf Course Maintenance. He has guided the careers of many superintendents while traveling the world offering seminars and participating in conferences.

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