

Role of the Golf Course Consultant

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area as possible. Although conditions are different we can sometimes benefit by procedures used in Maine or California. Innovations are made by individual superintendents all around the world and he must be aware of these.

5) Must be able to work recommendations into the maintenance program, not simply make the recommendations. Anyone can tell a man what chemicals to use to control weeds in a green, in a lake or around trees, but how can he work it into the program if the crew is short and equipment is old?

TRENDS OF GOLF TURF INDUSTRY

1) Greater demand for perfection. Very little tolerance of imperfection.

2) Better men are increasingly becoming responsible for multiple golf course complexes, and for more than one independent course.

3) Top superintendents are increasingly budgeting funds each year for obtaining emergency help when and if necessary, and for a periodic review of their total operation. The funds are considered an investment in better golf turf and insurance against major problems. The greatest problem is finding the man or organization who is qualified, whose judgment you can trust and respect. If a problem arises it is better for the superintendent to solve it himself than to have management go outside for help. When management goes outside for help it seldom works. Complete acceptance and cooperation is required between the superintendent and the consultant or the time and money is wasted.

Schmeisser Scholarship Awarded

At a recent meeting of the Florida Turf-Grass Association Scholarship and Research Foundation Board of Directors, action was taken to create a scholarship at the Lake City Community College in memory of the late Hans C. Schmeisser, the "Grand Dean" of golf course superintendents.

This scholarship, named The Hans Schmeisser Memorial Award, will be made annually to the Lake City Community College student, enrolled in the Golf Course Operations School, that most exemplifies the qualities that Mr. Schmeisser possessed during his long, and most honored, turf career. This award carries a \$1,000.00 cash compensation.

Mr. Schmeisser, who passed away in October, 1980, had been superintendent of Forest Hill Golf Course, West Palm Beach, for the past 15 years. He was a consultant, golf course designer and builder and superintendent for nearly all of his 88 years. He was made an honorary member of the FT-GA in 1976 and a posthumous confirmation of the Golf Course Superintendent's Association of America "Distinguished Service Award" was made at their 1981 Annual Convention.

One of his sons, Otto, is a member of the FT-GA and is superintendent of the Everglades Club in Palm Beach. His other son, John, is associated with Robert Trent Jones, the noted golf course architect. ■

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