SHERWOOD A. MOORE Mr. Golf Course Superintendent

One of the hallmarks of a great golf course superintendent is a healthy willingness to admit that there is always something new to learn in the turfgrass and golf course management business. If he follows up this thirst for knowledge with an unrelenting quest to search for, try out, experiment with, and follow up on the new ideas in the industry, it is all the more to his credit. And finally, if he is generous enough to share the knowledge gleaned from his hard work with students, employees and peers, then you have indeed found that one-in-a-million person.

Throughout a career spanning five decades, Sherwood A. Moore has exemplified all of these characteristics and more, and is eminently qualified to receive the Green Section Award.

As golf course superintendent par excellence, Sherwood has applied his expertise at the Lake Mohawk Golf Club and Hollywood Golf Club, both in New Jersey, Woodway Country Club in Connecticut, and during two tenures as superintendent at the Winged Foot Golf Club in New York, he was responsible for preparing for three USGA events, including two U.S. Opens (1959, 1984) and one Senior Open (1980). Finally, in a move indicative of a person always in search of a greater challenge, he is now serving as construction superintendent of the new Captains Golf Course in Brewster, Massachusetts.

One of the distinguishing achievements in Sherwood's career has been his work with the younger people in the profession. Dozens of people from across the country and around the world have apprenticed under his guidance over the years, and many have gone on to establish successful careers of their own as golf course superintendents.

Always a believer that education knows no bounds, Sherwood began his own formal training in the early 1930's by earning an Associate of Science degree from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture, University of Massachusetts (then Massachusetts State College). He then went on to complete the Ten-week Winter School for Greenkeepers in 1936 and the Advanced School for Greenkeepers in 1937. Since that time, he has participated in hundreds of educational conferences, meetings and seminars, and has been a speaker at many of them. Sherwood has served as an instructor at the Rutgers Winter School, and has been a guest speaker many times at various university student programs. He has also written dozens of articles for various turfgrass publications over the years, dealing with pertinent issues in the industry such as budgets, irrigation, Poa annua control, golf carts, water conservation, and the Stimpmeter. Never taking the easy way out, his articles have always been insightful and probing, giving the reader a perspective which is gained only after many years of work and study.

The golf course superintendents' profession has been well served by Sherwood's contributions through professional associations. After serving several years on the board of directors of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, he was elected President of GCSAA in 1962. Sherwood also served as President of the New Jersey GCSA in 1953-54, and President of the Metropolitan GCSA in 1965-66. He continues as an active member of many associations, including golf course superintendents associations in Connecticut, New Jersey and New York, and the New Jersey and Massachusetts Turfgrass Association. he also serves as a member of the O.J. Noer Turfgrass Research Foundation.

In addition to his many professional achievements, Sherwood has been a solid family man and active in civic affairs. Sherwood and his wife, Marie, have been married for forty years and have raised three children, Sherry, Carol and Glenn.

Many church and service clubs have benefitted from his dedicated efforts. He has been particularly interested in Rotary, having served as president of the Darien Rotary Club. He and his family hosted Rotary exchange students from France, South Africa and Sweden over the years.

Recognized by GCSAA in 1982 with its Distinguished Service Award, Sherwood has also been honored by many other groups in the turfgrass and golf industries. For his unfailing dedication to the golf course superintendent, to the game of golf, and to the art and science of turfgrass management, we salute Sherwood A. Moore.

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