

USGA Green Section honoring Mendenhall

Cited as an important symbol and the last of his era, 94-year-old Chester Mendenhall will receive the 1990 USGA Green Section Award at the GCSAA International Golf Conference and Show in Orlando, Fla., in February.

Mendenhall, who in 1948 was elected the 12th president of the GCSAA, helped pioneer the role of the modern superintendent during the post-World War II golf boom.

As one nominee noted: "Mendenhall... was directly responsible for the development of professional turfgrass managers for golf—men who have built their careers by combining the science, art and dedication necessary to produce today's fine golf turf."

Through Mendenhall's efforts, the GCSAA annual conference was first held in the West and that organization became effective on a national scale.

"Chet Mendenhall's greatest contribution was that he made the GCSAA a national organization. He facilitated East meeting West," one nominee said. "(He) epitomizes the modern golf course superintendent, and he has been more than a sideline supporter of the Green Section."

As golf expanded in the 1950s and 1960s, Mendenhall actively participated in the growth and development of new machinery, the use of new chemicals, and improving management techniques.

Mendenhall's zeal in promoting his profession and the Green Section has been well documented. A charter member of the GCSAA, the organization presented him its Distinguished Service Award in 1968.

A Kansas native, he helped build the first municipal golf course west of Kansas City. After retiring from his superintendent's job, he designed several golf courses in Missouri and Kansas.

He is the last remaining charter member of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America.

Neus elected Mid-Atlantic president

The Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents has elected William Neus of Hobbits Glen Golf Club to the presidency.

Neus, who succeeded Walter Montross of Springfield Golf and Country Club, heads a new slate of officers that includes Vice President Nick Vance of Latonsville Golf Course, Treasurer Steve Potter of Woodholme CC and Secretary Kenneth Ingram of Columbia CC.

Meeting at Hunt Valley Golf Club, the association elected Directors Donn Dietrich of Maryland Golf and Country Club, Lou Rudinski of Eisenhower Golf Course, Jim Kelly of Green Hill Yacht and CC, Scott Wagnor of Leisure World of Maryland, Mitch Williams of Manor CC and John Laake of River Bend Golf and CC.



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ASSOCIATION NEWS

N.J. superintendents elect Finamore

Stephen Finamore of Alpine Country Club in Demarest has been elected president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey.

Finamore's fellow officers are Vice President David Pease of Monmouth County Park System's Hominy Hill Golf Club in Colt's Neck; Secretary Cris Carson of Echo Lake CC in Westfield; and

Treasurer Leonard Florenza.

Directors elected for two-year terms were John Carpinelli of Moorestown Field Club; Paul Powondra of Princeton Meadows Country Club in Plainsboro; Lawrence Dodge of Essex Fells Country Club; and Bruce Peebles of Spring Lake Country Club.

Fulfilling their second year on the board are Thomas Grimac of

Tavistock Country Club in Hadonfield; Richard LaFlamme of Lake Mohawk Golf Club in Sparta; Martin Mantell of LaTourette Park Golf Club in Staten Island, N.Y.; Dave Mayer of Bowling Green Golf Club in Milton; and commercial representatives Shaun Barry of Nor-Am Chemical Corp. in Somerset and Steve Chirip of Lebanon Chemical Co. in Dayton.

