

Briefs



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

The Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association presented James M. Latham of the USGA Green Section with the WGCSA's Distinguished Service Award.

Latham, director of the Section's Great Lakes Region, is only the eighth person to receive this award, which was presented by WGCSA President Rod Johnson of Sheboygan Pine Hills Country Club.

USGA NAMES ZIRPOLI

FARHILLS, N.J. — Anthony J. Zirpoli Jr. is the new director of public golf for the United States Golf Association.

He replaces Eric Shiel, who retired in September.

Zirpoli, who joined the USGA in 1980, will remain director of regional affairs and amateur status.

Zirpoli will bring a distinct regional emphasis to the public golf program. The USGA's regional affairs managers will work closely with the Public Golf Committee and with regional and local golf associations.

James Farrell, regional affairs manager in the North Central region, will assume Zirpoli's former duties as Northeastern regional affairs manager.

NEBRASKA'S REARDON HONORED

Dr. Terry Riordan of the University of Nebraska was presented Seed Research of Oregon's annual Excellence in Research award for his contributions to the turfgrass industry.

Riordan has contributed to the improvement of many turfgrass species, including St. Augustine grass and Kentucky bluegrass. His recent emphasis has been on breeding low-maintenance buffalograss.

As part of this program he, with the assistance of graduate students and fellow turf researchers at UN, also performed basic research on drought avoidance by turfgrasses, rooting studies, studies on how important characteristics are inherited, and propagation methodologies.

The Marketing Excellence Award at the annual distributors' meeting went to the Hatfield, Mass., firm of Agriturf, Inc. Agriturf was cited for promoting new turfgrass products and supplying customers with accurate technical knowledge.

HAGCSA GETS DONATION

Mid-America Industrial Equipment has donated \$1,000 to the Heart of America Golf Course Superintendents Association Scholarship and Research Fund.

The donation resulted from MAIE's John Deere Golf Tournament held at Liberty Hills Country Club.

MOVES IN PENNSYLVANIA

Superintendent Jeff Lansdowne has moved from Pocono Farms Country Club in Tobyhanna, Pa., to Wooloch Springs Country Club.

Lansdowne was replaced by Doug Davis, who left Riverton Golf Club.

Ron Garrison has left Lords Valley Country Club in Gouldsboro, Pa., for a post at Center Valley Country Club.

GCSAA candidates ready for vote

The Golf Course Superintendents of America will elect officers on Feb. 12 at the association's annual meeting during the GCSAA International Golf Course Conference and Show in Las Vegas, Nev.

Steve Cadenelli of The Metedeconk National Golf Club in Jackson, N.J., this year's vice president, is uncontested in his bid to succeed Gerald Faubel of Saginaw (Mich.) Country Club.

Nominees for vice president are Randy

Nichols of Cherokee Town & Country Club in Dunwoody, Ga., and William R. Roberts of Lochmoor Club in Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich. Roberts is currently secretary/treasurer.

Three candidates for director will be elected for two-year terms. The four nominees are Gary T. Griggs of Shadow Glen, The Golf Club in Olathe, Kan.; Charles T. Passios of Hyannisport Club in Hyannisport, Mass.; Gary D. Sayre of Overlake Golf & Country Club in

Medina, Wash.; and Bruce R. Williams of Bob O'Link Golf Club in Highland Park, Ill.

Current President Gerald L. Faubel of Saginaw (Mich.) Country Club will continue to serve on the board of directors for one year as immediate past president.

Two board members have one year remaining on their terms. They are Joseph G. Baidy of Acacia Country Club in Lyndhurst, Ohio, and Randall P. Zidik of Rolling Hills Country Club in McMurray, Pa.

Vice presidential contenders — Nichols and Roberts

Name: Randy Nichols
Age: 43
Course: Cherokee Town & CC, Dunwoody, Ga.

Former head superintendent at: Construction superintendent at Willow Springs CC and Brookfield West CC, Atlanta

Years GCSAA Member: 15

GCSAA positions held: Member board of directors (since 1986); chairman tournament, conference and show, government relations and membership committees; vice chairman public relations and scholarship and research committees

Other associations: Past president Ga. GCSA; past vice president Ga. Turfgrass Assn.; member Ga. State Golf Assn. Advisory Board and nominating committee Ga. Golf Hall of Fame

Education: Bachelor's degree in turfgrass management from Mississippi State University

Family: Wife, Jan; children, Gina, 19, Greg, 18

Goal: "Superintendents have always protected the environment. But because we use pesticides, we've been accused in the past of not being environmentalists. It's important the public understand what we do and that we are pro-active when it comes to protecting natural resources. I want the GCSAA to continue offering education that will make superintendents even more protective of the environment and let the public know what we're doing."



R. Nichols

Name: William R. Roberts
Age: 38
Course: Lochmoor Club, Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich.

Former head superintendent at: Sentryworld, Stevens Point, Wisc.; Knollwood Club, Lake Forest, Ill.; Stevens Point CC

Years GCSAA Member: 15

GCSAA positions held: Secretary/treasurer (1990); member board of directors (since 1986); member of public relations, standards, scholarship and research committees

Other associations: Past president Wisconsin GCSA; member Michigan & Border Cities GCSA

Education: Certificate in turfgrass management from Pennsylvania State University

Family: Wife, Patricia; children, Jennifer, 12, Megan, 10, Erin, 8

Goal: "I would like to continue representing an association that has seen significant growth. That growth is a reflection of the members. There's a lot more room for improvement in the areas of education and the environment. I hope to take advantage of this opportunity to help the association improve even more in those areas."



W. Roberts

Board hopefuls — Grigg, Passios, Sayre and Williams

Name: Gary T. Grigg
Age: 49
Course: Shadow Glen GC, Olathe, Kan.

Former head superintendent at: The Lodge of the Four Seasons, Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.; VP of construction and maintenance, Kindred Management Co.

Years GCSAA Member: 20
GCSAA positions held: Member board of director (since 1988); chairman scholarship and research committee; member certification, tournament, membership, nominating and public relations committees

Other associations: Former member board of directors of Heart of America GCSA; member Kansas Turfgrass Foundation, Missouri Valley Turfgrass Association and Texas Turfgrass Association

Education: Bachelors degree in entomology from Utah State University; masters in agronomy from Michigan State Univ.

Family: Wife, Coleen; children, Jill, 24, Jared, 22, Aaron, 17, Ryan, 10

Goal: "We have to provide more in the way of education, particularly concerning the environment. Education has been and always will be the cornerstone of the GCSAA. We have to educate our members about golf's affect on the environment, where golf is headed and how to take a pro-active stance on environmental issues."



G. Grigg

Name: Charles T. Passios
Age: 33
Course: Hyannisport Club, Hyannisport, Mass.

Former head superintendent at: Cummaquid G C, Yarmouthport, Mass.; Middleton (Mass.) GC

Years GCSAA Member: 10
GCSAA positions held: Member board of directors since March, 1990; chairman public relations and publications committees; vice chairman certification and education committees; member teaching resource advisory and government relations committees

Other associations: President Cape Cod Turf Managers Association; vice president GCSA of New England; board member Massachusetts Green Industry Council; member United States Golf Association and Mass. Turf & Lawngrass Council

Education: Associates degree in agronomy from Essex Agricultural and Technical College, Hawthorne, Mass.

Family: Wife, Fran; children, Daniel, 4, Sara, 1

Goal: "My goal is to continue the progress the GCSAA has made in the last few years. The organization has come a long way in promoting education and in addressing environmental concerns. We need to take a hard look at what we're doing to and for the environment. We need factual information to justify the things we do. If we do something detrimental, we need to correct it. If what we do isn't harmful or it's beneficial, we should be able to continue and let people know it."



C. Passios

Name: Gary D. Sayre
Age: 40
Course: Overlake Golf & CC, Medina, Wash.

Former head superintendent at: Oak Brook G & CC, Tacoma

Years GCSAA Member: 15
GCSAA positions held: Member certification committee; worked with education and government relations committees

Other associations: Past president Northwest Turfgrass Assoc. and Western Washington GCSA; co-founder Pacific Coast Turf & Landscape Conference & Show.

Education: Bachelors degree in earth science and geology from Portland (Ore.) State University; associates degree in horticulture from Portland Community College

Family: Wife, Pam; children, Paul 11, Mark, 9

Goal: "My goal is to keep the GCSAA moving in the same, positive direction by encouraging the strong people we have in areas like education, government, public relations and our executive director.... We need to make a big push environmentally. We need to keep helping in research and promoting superintendents' awareness of how to tell people what it is we do and how it aids the environment."



G. Sayre

Name: Bruce R. Williams
Age: 40
Course: Bob O'Link GC, Highland Park, Ill.

Former head superintendent at: Head superintendent at Bob O'Link since 1979

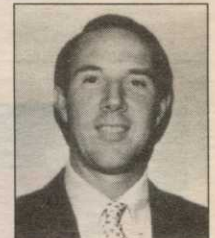
Years GCSAA Member: 14
GCSAA positions held: Member certification, education, publication, scholarship and research committees; instructor GCSAA seminar on assistant superintendent functions and responsibilities

Other associations: Past president Chicagoland Association of GCS; member Chicago District Golf Association Turfgrass Research Advisory Committee and Chicago Botanical Garden Advisory Commission

Education: Bachelors degree in English and Speech, Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio; graduate Turfgrass Management Program, Michigan State Univ.

Family: Wife, Roxanne; children, Blake, 9, Claire, 5, David, 2

Goal: "I want to continue my involvement in a service capacity to my peers to enhance their professionalism. I'm very concerned about the game's future because of regulatory and environmental issues. I believe in a pro-active stance on those issues. I'm also a firm believer in continuing education and have worked hard nationally and locally to promote professionalism through education."



B. Williams