

USGA Green Section honors Skogley for lifetime of work

FARHILLS, N.J.—Dr. C. Richard Skogley, a turfgrass breeder and educator, has been presented the 1992 Green Section Award of the United States Golf Association.

Raymond Anderson, chairman of the USGA Green Section Award Committee, made the announcement. The award has been presented annually since 1961 in recognition of distinguished service to golf through work with turfgrass.

Skogley received the award in February at the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Conference and Show in New Orleans.

"I'm very pleased to receive this award," Skogley said. "I'm proud to receive the acknowledgment of my peers for my years of research in turfgrass."

Active in turfgrass management programs at the university level for nearly 40 years, Skogley has served golf through his work as a researcher, educator, extension specialist, and turfgrass consultant.



Dr. Skogley

During most of that time, he has directed the University of Rhode Island turfgrass program, which originated in 1890 and is recognized as the oldest continuous turf program.

Skogley, through his research activities, has produced several important varieties of turfgrass, including Providence creeping bentgrass, Jamestown and Jamestown II chewings fescue, Georgetown Kentucky bluegrass, Kingstown velvet bentgrass, and Exeter colonial bentgrass.

The author or co-author of numerous articles for scientific journals and the public

press, Skogley has been a featured speaker at turfgrass programs throughout the world.

He has received many honors, including the Oregon Seed Trade Association Man of the Year Award and the Distinguished Service Award of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

Skogley retired from the University of Rhode Island in 1990, but he continues to provide consulting services. His retirement schedule includes playing more golf, although it is widely known that he still carries a sample tube in his back pocket in case he encounters troublesome conditions on the golf course.

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