

MetGCSA honors PGA's Robson with Reid Award

GARDEN CITY, N.Y. — The Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Association (MetGCSA) has presented the 1998 John Reid Lifetime Achievement Award to Met PGA Section Executive Director Charlie Robson, citing him as "a tremendous advocate for golf course superintendents."

Robson has "never forgotten to recognize the superintendent's efforts," said MetGCSA Awards Committee Chairman John O'Keefe. The award is reserved for individuals who have "demonstrated a knowledge of, and commitment to, the game of golf and the science of golf course management."

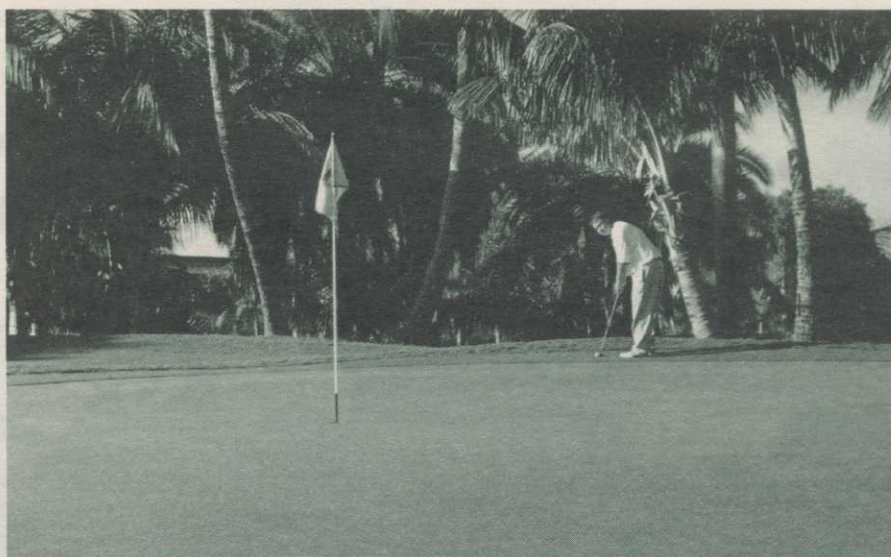
A graduate of Washington and Lee University, Robson

has guided the Met PGA since 1972, overseeing its growth from one employee and an annual budget of \$80,000 to six full-time and six seasonal employees and an annual budget of \$2.5 million. A Manhattan native, he lives in Garden City with his wife, Deidre, and three children.

Meadow Brook Country Club superintendent John Carlone, who has worked with Robson, told MetGCSA's Tee to Green that what "makes him [Robson] so remarkably good at what he does" is his ability to look at golf from everyone's perspective — the golf pro's, club manager's superintendent's and member's.



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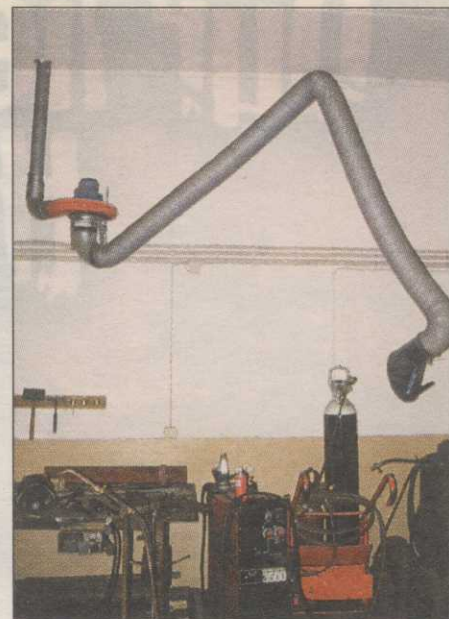
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Surahammars Golfklubb's exhaust system.

Exhaust system improves safety

By TERRY BUCHEN

VASTERAS, Sweden — Swedes have long been leaders in environmental preservation while providing employee safety. Partial proof of this is found at Surahammars Golfklubb here, where an overhead exhaust system removes fumes from the shop area when the arc-welder or acetylene torch tanks are used in the maintenance building.

"Breathing fresh air is such a concern that it is a federal law in Sweden that an exhaust fan like we have in our shop area must be used at all golf courses and similar shop areas in other type industries," said course manager Bo Borg.

The 100-millimeter-diameter exhaust hose is flexible, so it easily can be moved to just above where the welding or torch work is being accomplished. The hose is connected to a 2-horsepower electric motor, which exhausts the fumes through a 75-millimeter-diameter metal stove pipe up through the roof, Borg explained.

The hose is approximately 3 meters long and can be moved in a 180-degree area along one wall in the shop, he said.

GCSAA REACHES 19K MEMBERS

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Continued strong growth in the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) has pushed the association's membership total to more than 19,000, according to figures processed by the Member/Chapter Services Department.

Since January 1994, GCSAA membership has grown 46 percent (up from 13,000), representing all regions of the nation, and 65 foreign countries and all categories of membership. "This sustained and strong growth confirms that golf course management professionals value membership in the association," said GCSAA President George Renault III, certified golf course superintendent at Burning Tree Club in Bethesda, Md. "The golf course maintenance industry faces constant change. Therefore, those who pursue such a career must have the resources that allow them to perform at a high level. It is GCSAA's goal to provide its members the education, representation and information necessary to achieve success."