

GCSAA Honors Leo J. Feser

Leo J. Feser, Mesa, Arizona has received the 1976 Distinguished Service Award of the Golf Course Superintendents' Association of America (GCSAA). Feser became only the twenty-fifth person in the Association's 50-year history to be named for this high honor. Selections to this august group are reserved for those who have made significant contributions to the golf course management profession.

Nominations for Feser, a charter member of the organization, pointed out his years of active service to GCSAA, both as an officer and as a regular member. In addition to serving the nation-wide group as vice president for a year and director for three years, he edited the Association's monthly professional journal. Cited in many letters of recommendation received from throughout the continent was Feser's total enthusiasm for and devotion to the organization he helped found.

Now 75 years old and retired in Mesa, Feser originally lived in Minnesota where he was superintendent of the Woodhill Country Club, Wayzata for some thirty years. During his professional career he built and owned two additional golf courses, one of 9-Holes, the other 18-Holes and he started the Minnesota Turf Conference in 1928.

Feser's official recognition took place during ceremonies officially opening GCSAA's 47th Annual International Turfgrass Conference and Show in Minneapolis, February 9, 1976. In addition to a commemorative plaque, he received the honor of having his name join the permanent list of recipients at the Association's headquarters office in Lawrence, Kansas. Among those who have previously received the award are John Morley, the organization's founding president; O. J. Noer, noted turfgrass researcher and Joe Dey, Jr., former head of the USGA and PGA.

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