

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS TO HONOR STODOLA

Harold W. Stodola, St. Paul, has been chosen to receive the 1977 Distinguished Service Award of the Golf Course Superintendents' Association of America (GCSAA). The highest honor bestowed by GCSAA recognizes Stodola's many years of service and significant contributions to the organization and the profession of golf course management. He becomes only the 28th person in GCSAA's 50-year history to receive this special award.

Letters supporting Stodola's nomination for the award cited his work in keeping the Association intact as president during World War II as one of his most significant accomplishments. Stodola served as GCSAA president from 1941 to 1945, the second longest tenure in its history, and through personal correspondence with members and local chapters throughout the country, he held the Association together when the war curtailed meetings.

Stodola, golf course superintendent of the Mendakota Country Club in St. Paul, will be honored by some 5,000 colleagues during the opening ceremonies of GCSAA's 48th International Turfgrass Conference and Show February 6-11 in Portland, Oregon. He will receive a commemorative plaque, and in addition his name will be added to a permanent plaque housed at GCSAA Headquarters, Lawrence, Kansas.

Stodola joined GCSAA in 1930 and is a member of the Quarter Century Club. In 1938 he became chairman of the editorial committee of the Greenkeepers' Reporter, the official publication of the Association during the 1930s and 1940s. He served as a director in 1938 and 1939 and as vice president in 1940 before beginning his five-year presidential term.

Superintendent of the Mendakota Country Club since 1967, Stodola was previously superintendent of the Tucson (Arizona) Country Club. He is a member of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association and the Arizona Greenkeeping Superintendents' Association and has served as secretary and president of the Minnesota association.

M.S.G.C.S.A. ANNOUNCES JOB REFERRAL PROGRAM

The voting members of the M.G.C.S.A. adopted a new program at the 1976 Annual Meeting. Any job opening referred to the directors or officers of the association will be forwarded to the president. The president will then relay this correspondence to all M.G.C.S.A. members subject to the following Standard Operating Procedure:

The written or oral notification of job opening must include: Club Name, Address, Telephone, Present Superintendent, Address and Telephone. The Job Description must state the following: Size of Club (9 or 18 Holes), Crew Size, Irrigation, Duties other than golf course and Salary plus benefits.

If the above information is received orally, then we will request a written verification. Before any correspondence is sent out to all M.G.C.S.A. members, the present superintendent will be contacted to verify all the above information.

It shall be the duty of the president or vice president to handle all job referrals.

FOR SALE

Dave Fedie in Anoka has a large area fertilizer spreader for sale (2-ton capacity, PTO Drive with stainless steel mesh fertilizer feeder. Gearboxes are rebuilt and it has large turf tires. If interested call Dave at 612/427-4920 or after 5:30 p.m. at 612/421-8610.

HOLE NOTES TO START TWO NEW FEATURES

Cartoons to make you more aware of the standards of OSHA will be supplied by Dick Grundstrom, new OSHA chairman. Any upcoming changes in the law or its requirements will also be reported. "Meet Your Superintendents", a feature to better acquaint the membership with each other, will begin in March. A small picture and a thumbnail sketch of three or four superintendents will appear in each issue. Carl Johnston has volunteered to collect and write the pertinent data on each featured superintendent. He may be calling you soon.

POSITION WANTED

A graduate of a two year Turf Grass Management Program at Michigan State University is looking for a position as an assistant superintendent or full time employee. He has gained experience the past five years by working for two major clubs in the Twin City area. He will be available for employment in March of 1977. If you are interested, please contact: Richard E. Dicks, Jr., 3719 North 4th Street, Minneapolis 55412, Phone 612/529-6846.

FEBRUARY IS NEW MEMBER MONTH

All the current members of the M.G.C.S.A. know it is a terrific organization. But it's not so great that it cannot continue to progress and get even better. New members are an important element of progress. They generate new ideas, new enthusiasm and interest. All you member superintendents probably have a neighboring superintendent who is not a member. Now is the time to give him a call and give him the opportunity to join at the March meeting. Think back! That is probably how you joined and aren't you glad you did! A membership application is attached to this newsletter. Don't let it go to waste! For you non-member superintendents receiving this newsletter, don't be bashful. Complete the application and mail it on to us. Don't worry about the references. We are sure there will be many superintendents at the March meeting who know you and will be ready to sign as references. Take the first step. We guarantee you that you won't be sorry.

BE SURE TO FILL

OUT AND RETURN YOUR

ROSTER INFORMATION CARD