

SOME NICE CORRESPONDENCE

From FRED V. GRAU
Musser International Turfgrass Foundation

Your association does me great honor by according me an Honorary Membership. It is deeply appreciated. I am particularly pleased because I count as "friend" so many of your members. It started with Leo Feser who invited me to speak at a conference in one of your hotels. Harold Stodola may remember, too, that I attempted to tell a Scandinavian joke in dialect. When I finished there wasn't a sound - the room was deathly quiet. I got redder and redder - then the room exploded with laughter. It wasn't the joke - it was at my audacity, my discomfiture and the way I flubbed it.

My present work with The Musser Foundation will be helping superintendents long after someone replaces me as president. I hope that we can reach the point one day where we can consider establishing a Turfgrass Research Fellowship at U of M. Our current three fellowships at Cornell, Penn State and at Texas A&M will benefit all superintendents but there is so much more to be done.

To all of you my very best wishes for a successful New Year.

From CARL JOHNSTON, CGCS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the members, of the M.G.C.S.A. for a very memorable thirteen years here in the State of Minnesota. I feel that our association is one of the best and you, the members, have made it that way. People like Dean Sime, Larry Vetter, Rich Rannels, Bill Johnson, Keith Scott, Don and Jim Lindblad help to bring this association into a class of its own and I am proud to have been a part of the best.

As I embark on this new adventure in Arizona, I go with mixed emotions. Knowing I am leaving good friends and yet the adventure is a real challenge and it is my hope that you will have a chance to stop out and see me.

Best wishes to all of you and thank you once again for some very good years here in Minnesota, especially the years that I served on the Board of Directors. It was a very real learning experience that I shall never forget.

My club is located in Wickenburg, Arizona. The name is Los Caballeros Golf Club, P.O. Box QQ, Wickenburg, Arizona 85358. Again, best of luck to all of you and may next season be a good one for you.

DR. JOSEPH DUICH HONORED

Dr. Joseph M. Duich, professor of turfgrass science and turfgrass project leader at Pennsylvania State University in University Park, Pennsylvania, has been named the recipient of the 1981 Green Section Award presented by the United States Golf Association in recognition of his distinguished service to golf through work with turfgrass.

Over the years Dr. Duich has significantly contributed to better golf through research, teaching and education. His turf research contributions have been concerned with grass varietal improvement, varietal evaluation, roadside development, weed control, turf-disease relationships, fertilization and soil modification. Among his breeding contributions are the varieties Pennstar Kentucky bluegrass, Pennfine perennial ryegrass and the Penneagle and Pencross bentgrasses. He tested Penneagle at the Brooktree Municipal Golf Club in Owatonna at the time of its construction in 1976. During the past 22 years Dr. Duich has presented over 150 papers and addresses to national, regional, state and local associations and groups.