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Bengeyfield, Watschke Honored at 1990 GCSAA Conference

William Bengeyfield, USGA Green Section national director, and Dr. Thomas Watschke, Penn State turfgrass researcher and educator, were honored for their dedication and outstanding service to golf course superintendents and the golf community at the opening session of the 61st International Golf Course Conference and Show in Orlando, Fla., Feb. 19-26.

Bengeyfield and Watschke have been selected as recipients of the 1990 Distinguished Service Award. The selection was made by the board of directors of Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA), the organization that sponsors the annual conference and show. Under Bengeyfield's leadership, the USGA/GCSAA Turfgrass Research Committee has seen more than \$2.8 million raised and distributed for research to develop turfgrass cultivars that will reduce water usage and maintenance costs.

The USGA Turfgrass Advisory Service, a consulting branch of the Green Section, has been an increasingly valuable resource

for superintendents during Bengeyfield's tenure as national director. Bengeyfield, a long-time GCSAA member, operates and maintains Frankfort Golf Course, in Frankfort, Mich., as his time permits.

For almost 20 of his 35 years with the Green Section, Bengeyfield has also served as editor of the *Green Section Record*.

Watschke is coordinator for Penn State's Landscape Management and Water Quality Research Center, synchronizing all field research for the five departments that cooperatively use the facility. He also serves on the Technical Resource/Advisory Committee for *Golf Course Management*, the technical and professional journal for golf course superintendents.

His research has led to the use of growth regulators to control *poa annua*, the development of new post-emergent crabgrass control compounds and advancement in broadleaf weed controls and, most recently, to a better understanding of surface runoff on turfgrass. Many of Watschke's former students are now turfgrass scientists,

New Positions

Rick Fredericksen, Superintendent, Rolling Green CC, Hamel, to Superintendent, Woodhill CC, Wayzata.

Doug Mahal, Superintendent, Interlachen CC, Edina, to Superintendent, Minikahda Club, Minneapolis.

Paul Ekholm, Assistant Superintendent, North Oaks CC, St. Paul, to Superintendent, Grand Forks CC, Grand Forks, N.D.

Soldiers Field GC To Close in 1992-93 For Flood Control Work

Soldiers Field Golf Course in Rochester is scheduled to close for the 1992-93 seasons while flood control work is done on four holes that cross the Zumbro River. The two-year closing will remove 50,000 rounds a year from Rochester's golfing capacity.

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