Troll Receives Green Section Award

Dr. Joseph Troll, a renowned educator in the turfgrass industry, is the 1991 recipient of the Green Section Award of the United States Golf Association.

The award has been presented by the USGA annually since 1961 in recognition of distinguished service to golf through work with turfgrass. Dr. Troll received the award in February at the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Conference and Show in Las Vegas, Nev.

During his tenure at the University of Massachusetts, an estimated 1,100 students were graduated from the program he directed, one of the largest number of graduates by any university in this country. A large majority became golf course superintendents.

Dr. Troll also helped establish the Turf Research Center in South Deerfield, Mass., which is active in all aspects of research and testing new grass varieties.

Although he retired from the University of Massachusetts in 1988, he remains active in turfgrass studies. He is the general chairman of the Massachusetts Turf Conference, one of the largest assemblies of golf course superintendents

and turfgrass personnel in the country, and he has assisted the Northeastern Region of the USGA Green Section in its Turf Advisory Service visits.

In 1983 he was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

As one nomination said: "The turfgrass management industry and the quality of our golf courses have made tremendous improvements within the last three decades. Unquestionably, most of this has occurred because of better educated golf course superintendents...Dr. Troll loves the game of golf and has worked hard to develop our industry."

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