

National News Notes

Texan Receives 1991 Leo Feser Award

The 1991 Leo Feser Award was presented to Gary Schinderle, CGCS, of Oakmont Country Club in Denton, Texas. The Leo Feser Award is presented annually to the author of the best article written by a GCSAA-member superintendent and published in *Golf Course Management* magazine.

Schinderle's prize-winning article, "Identifying And Correcting Severe Water Quality Problems," appeared in the May 1990 issue of *GCM*. In his story, Schinderle told how he watched the turfgrass at his newly constructed course sicken and die, and what he did to bring it back to life.

He said that the difficulties he had in trying to pinpoint the cause of his turf's decline prompted him to share his hard-earned expertise with fellow superintendents by submitting the article (his first) to *GCM*.

"I felt like I had to do something, like I had a responsibility," he said. "Writing an article like that for *GCM* takes a lot of time and work, but I wanted to do it because I felt I had information to share with other golf course superintendents who might find it interesting and useful.

"As for the award, I'm honored," Schinderle said after learning that he had won. "It means a lot to me to be recognized by my peers for having made a significant contribution to the profession."

Schinderle has been the superintendent at Oakmont since 1985. He spent the four years before that at Lakeridge Country Club in Lubbock, Texas. He joined GCSAA in 1975, the same year he received a bachelor's degree in ornamental horticulture from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

The award is named in honor of Leo Feser, a pioneer golf course superintendent and a charter member of GCSAA.

Feser is credited with keeping the association's official publication alive during the Great Depression. For three years he wrote, edited, assembled and published each issue of the magazine from his home in Wayzata, Minn. He died in 1976.

3 Superintendents Honored For Distinguished Service

Dr. Noel Jackson, plant pathologist at the University of Rhode Island; W. Bruce Matthews, golf course architect, and Dr. Eliot C. Roberts, executive director of The Lawn Institute, were honored for their dedication and outstanding service to golf course superintendents and the golf community at the 62nd International Golf Course Conference and Show in Las Vegas.

Jackson, Matthews and Roberts were selected as recipients of the 1991 Distinguished Service Award. The selection was made by the board of directors of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA), the organization that hosts the annual conference and show.

Jackson has been a turfgrass researcher and educator at the University of Rhode Island since 1965, when he moved to the United States from his native England. Jackson's research work and fungicide evaluations have contributed a wealth of information on turfgrass patch diseases. He has also lectured at and participated in turfgrass conferences, seminars and symposiums throughout the United States and in the United Kingdom, Canada and New Zealand.

Matthews has been a member of GCSAA for 56 years. In addition to serving as a golf course superintendent and building a distinguished career as a golf course architect, Matthews also has been active with turfgrass research at Michigan State University and Purdue University. He designed and owns Grand Haven (Mich.) Golf Club.

Before founding The Lawn Institute in Pleasant Hill, Tenn., Roberts spent 28 years as a turfgrass management teacher, researcher and administrator at universities in Massachusetts, Iowa, Florida and Rhode Island. Roberts will be retiring soon from his position as executive director of the institute.

In his eight years as executive director, he has traveled extensively to speak at seminars, conferences and meetings dealing with turfgrass and grounds management.

Hazard Communication Help Available

As the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) steps up enforcement of the Hazard Communication Standard, golf course superintendents should become better educated on HazCom requirements.

Because the federal government maintains that employers, including golf courses, maintain a written hazard communication program and conduct training for their employees, help is available from OSHA.

There is an on-site safety and health program available in each state for employers who need help meeting HazCom requirements. The programs are funded by OSHA, but are completely separate from the inspection effort; OSHA says the administration will not cite violations turned up in the training process.

Superintendents might consider working with other superintendents and local chapters in the area to coordinate the trainings. For information about contacting your regional OSHA office, call the GCSAA Office of Government Relations at 800-472-7878 or 913-841-2240.



Brochure Examines Vital First Steps In Planning A Golf Course

Master Planning: The Vital First Steps in Golf Course Construction, a 12-page pamphlet which details all the steps involved in developing a golf facility, is now available from the American Society of Golf Course Architects.

The brochure covers topics such as building a golf course from scratch, remodeling an existing course and developing a construction schedule. It provides information on evaluating a golf course, locating a qualified architect and establishing a budget.

To receive a free copy, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to The American Society of Golf Course Architects, 221 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60601.