

In The News

GCSAA Recognizes Two For Distinguished Service

William G. Fielder, retired CGCS, and Tommy D. Witt, CGCS at Northmoor Country Club in Highland Park, Ill., have been selected as recipients of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's (GCSAA) Distinguished Service Award. They will be acknowledged at the Opening Session of the 2005 GCSAA Education Conference and Golf Industry Show in Orlando, Feb. 7-12.

The GCSAA board of directors selects Distinguished Service Award winners from nominations submitted by affiliated chapters and/or association members. First presented in 1932, the award is given to individuals who have made an outstanding, substantive and enduring contribution to the advancement of the golf course superintendent profession. The Opening Session is presented in partnership with Bayer Environmental Science.

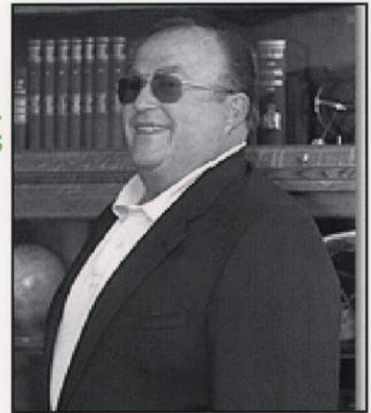
"Billy and Tommy epitomize the kind of long-term, selfless service that the Distinguished Serve Award is supposed to recognize," said GCSAA President Mark J. Woodward, CGCS. It will be a privilege to present them with this well-deserved honor."

Fielder, a member of GCSAA for more than 30 years, has been active at the local level, serving more than 20 years on the boards of various chapters including three terms as president of the Southern Nevada GCSA. He has also been heavily involved in water issues in

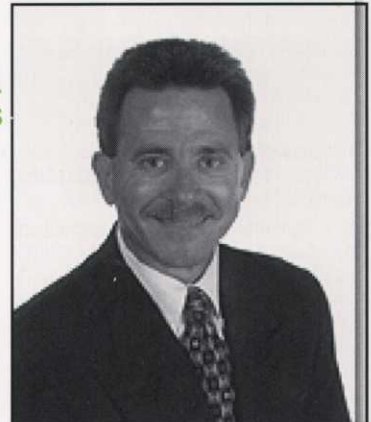
Arizona and Nevada. He is a member of the Cactus and Pine GCSA, and has served on several GCSAA committees and resource groups. He recently retired from Sunrise Vista Golf Club in Las Vegas. As part of his legacy to golf course management, Fielder counts more than 50 former employees who have gone on to become golf course superintendents, architects, consultants and landscape professionals.

Witt was GCSAA's president in 2001, and has served on several chapter boards in his native Texas. He has mentored nearly 40 assistant superintendents and interns who became golf course superintendents. His dedication to improving career opportunities, security and compensation within the golf course management profession has led him to develop and present numerous seminars and presentations on topics related to professional development. His teaching credits include educational programs for the GCSAA, Club Managers Association of America and the PGA of America, during which he promotes the golf course management profession. He also regularly speaks to student audiences about how to prepare for a golf course management career.

William G. Fielder, CGCS



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