## WT&T LETTERS

## Al says thanks

To say the very least, I was proud and pleased to become the recipient of Weeds Trees & Turf's first annual Man of the Year Award. It is a signal honor indeed ... one totally unexpected ... but one that I will treasure forever.

The beautiful silver trophy, inscribed to commemorate the occasion, will hold a prominent place of display in our home.

My sincere thanks to you and to all responsible for casting their votes for me.

Always the best and continued success throughout the future. If I can help you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me. Alexander Radko National Director Emeritus Green Section United States Golf Association

## Al:

The pleasure truly is ours. We sincerely saw you as the proper recipient and hope you sense the appreciation we tried to communicate by the award. On the other hand, we have no intention of letting you retire for real. You are a natural resource too valuable to retire. Edit.

## **Readers heed the call**

I hope the readers of your magazine will take heed to your "Outlook" editorial of the April, 1982 issue. What you so accurately describe is the dilemma of leadership associated with research and extension activities throughout agriculture. I hope that you will share your comments with other editors of publications in agriculture and related areas. Hopefully, they in turn will contact their constituents. Charles Laughlin Department Head Plant Pathology and Weed Science Mississippi State University Mississippi State, Miss 39762 Dr. Laughlin:

That is a lot of hoping. I'm not exactly Jerry Lewis, but the cause is closer to us than any other at this time. If research dollars dry up, progress will slow markedly. The question is, in terms of Reaganomics, will private industry pick up the slack? Consider the cost of chemical development and retooling changes for equipment, and I think the answer is doubtful.

The only real hope is for readers to get out stationary and write their state representatives today. And then write them a month from now, and again and again until the point is made. Edit.

