

1970 USGA Green Section Conference Subject: Are Your Maintenance Practices Up - To - Date?

E. R. Steiniger — 10th Recipient of USGA Green Section Award

Eberhard R. Steiniger, of Laurel Springs, N.J., was named recipient of the 1970 Green Section Award of the United States Golf Association. The award is presented annually in recognition of distinguished service to golf through work with turfgrass.

Mr. Steiniger is the golf course superintendent at Pine Valley Golf Club in Clementon, N.J. He accepted the award during the Association's annual Conference on Golf Course Management in New York City on Friday, January 23. It was presented by Hord W. Hardin, of St. Louis, then President of the USGA, and Henry H. Russell, of Miami, Chairman of the Green Section Committee.

Mr. Steiniger was born and educated in Germany, came to the United States and began his golf career in 1926 under Norman Mattice at the Lakeville Country Club in Great Neck, N.Y.

He came to Pine Valley in 1927, took full charge of the course in 1933, and has remained ever since, except for four years of military duty during World War II.

Mr. Steiniger was among the earliest golf course superintendents to experiment with adaptation of turfgrass, and he was instrumental in selecting the C-7 Cohansey strain of creeping bentgrass that has been widely used on golf courses. It is one of the outstanding creeping bentgrass strains available today.

Today he maintains a 10-acre nursery at Pine Valley containing many selections of improved

strains of golf turfgrasses, including both cool- and warm-season varieties.

He has worked with local, state, and national turfgrass organizations and held positions at the Executive Committee or Board of Directors level. He has been Vice-President of the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council, Chairman of the Joseph Valentine Memorial Fund, President of the Philadelphia Golf Course Superintendents Association, member of the Board of Directors of the H. Burton Musser Foundation, Inc., and a member of the Board of Directors of the Rutgers University Turfgrass Advisory Board.

He is also a member of the USGA Green Section Committee and has given talks on turfgrasses, turf maintenance, and labor management. He has also contributed articles on golf turf to magazines, including the USGA Green Section Record.

Mr. Steiniger has varied interests. He is a Vice-President of the Laurel Springs Building and Loan Association and an Elder in the Laurel Springs Presbyterian Church.

He is the 10th recipient of the Green Section Award. Previous recipients were Dr. John Monteith, Jr., of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Professor Lawrence S. Dickinson, of Amherst, Mass.; O. J. Noer, Milwaukee, Wis.; Joseph Valentine, Ardmore, Pa.; Dr. Glenn W. Burton, Tifton, Ga.; Professor H. Burton Musser, State College, Pa.; Elmer J. Michael, Rochester, N.Y.; James L. Haines, Denver; and Dr. Fred V. Grau, College Park, Md.