

BUD WHITE REJOINS THE GREEN SECTION STAFF AS MID-CONTINENT AGRONOMIST



It is with great pleasure that the USGA Green Section welcomes back Bud White to the staff after a 15-year hiatus. He will be establishing an office in the Dallas, Texas, area, replacing Brian Maloy, who is moving back home to Iowa to become the golf course superintendent at the Coldwater Creek Golf Course in Ames. Bud worked as an agronomist and later as the Green Section's Southeast Region director from 1978 to 1987. Since that time he has worked two stints with the LESCO Company; served as golf/landscape director during construction, grow-in, and maintenance at the Harbor Club in Greensboro, Georgia; worked as an agronomist for the Toro Company; and since 1995 has been owner of Total Turf Services, a consulting company. He also is the author of the book *Turf Manager's Handbook for Golf Course Construction, Renovation, and Grow-in*.

Bud received his B.S. degree from Tennessee Technological University and an M.S. degree from Clemson University.

Bud will be making Turf Advisory Service visits in the states of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana, working with Paul Vermeulen, director of the Green Section's Mid-Continent Region.

LAUBACH RECEIVES USGA PIPER AND OAKLEY AWARD



Robert A. Laubach (left) with Jim Snow, Green Section national director.

Robert A. Laubach of Scottsdale, Ariz., has been honored with the United States Golf Association Green Section's Piper and Oakley Award. The award was established in 1998 to recognize meritorious service to the USGA Green Section and the game of golf by a volunteer.

Laubach, who has been a member of the USGA Green Section Committee since 1974 and has participated in several meetings of the USGA Turfgrass and Environmental Research Committee, was thrilled and surprised to receive this year's award. "The USGA Green Section has been such a wonderful experience for me," Laubach said. "It's just fascinating to be involved in what's going on to make the game better for the golf community."

Laubach also served on the USGA Sectional Affairs Committee (1981-1999) and Senior Amateur Championship Committee (1994-1999), and in 1999 he received the Ike Grainger Award, given by the United States Golf Association in recognition of at least 25 years of volunteer service to the organization. In addition, he is a past president of the MacKenzie Society, former director of the Golf Association of Michigan, and a former vice-president of the Arizona Golf Association.

His dedication to the game was evident even during the hardest of times. During 14 months in a POW camp in Germany during World War II, he established a makeshift golf course to help prisoners pass the time.

Laubach, who resides in Frankfort, Mich., for part of the year, lives with his wife Nancy. He has two children, two stepchildren, 10 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Dr. Charles V. Piper and Dr. Russell A. Oakley were among the earliest scientists to conduct studies in the fields of turfgrass science and golf course management, and they served as the first Chairman and co-Chairman of the USGA Green Section when it was formed in 1920. They were men of great character, keen vision, and remarkable achievement, whose contributions to the improvement in early greenkeeping methods were immeasurable. The Piper and Oakley Award periodically recognizes others who have so generously contributed to the programs and activities of the USGA Green Section.

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