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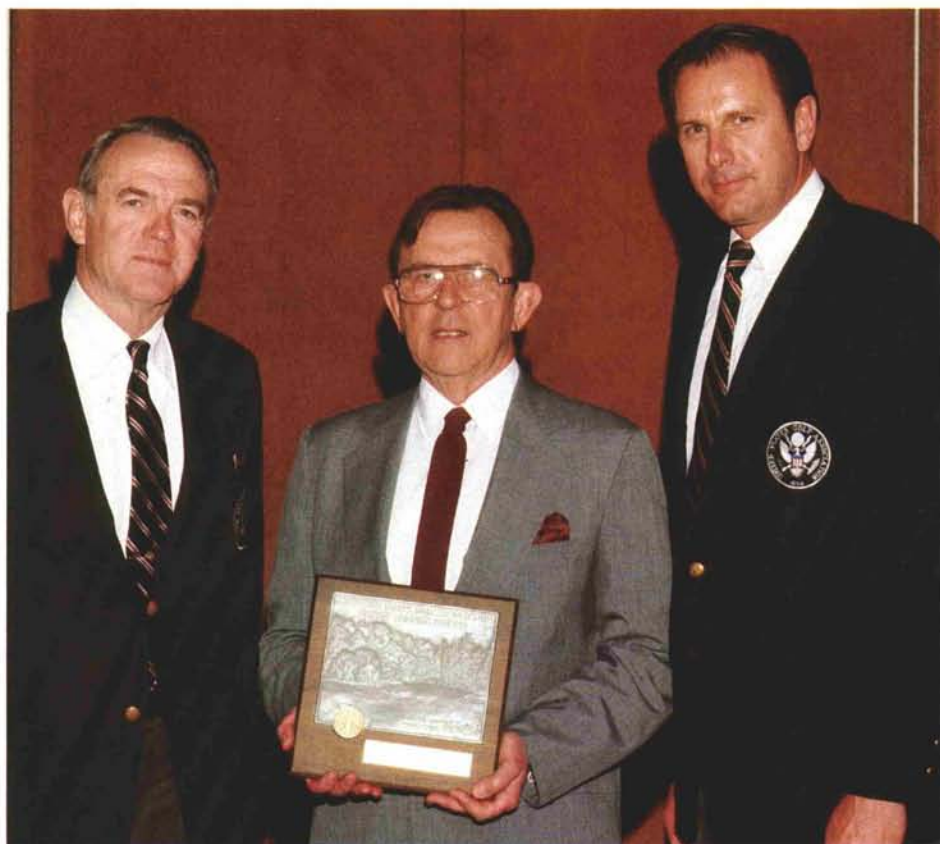
# Charles G. Wilson, USGA Green Section 1982 Award Recipient

**C**HARLES G. WILSON, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the man who pioneered the Green Section Regional Turfgrass Service, in 1952, became the 22nd recipient of the USGA Green Section Award for distinguished service to golf through work with turfgrass.

Wilson received the bronze plaque commemorating the Award during the USGA Green Section Educational Conference, in New Orleans, Louisiana, in February. Stephen J. Horrell, of El Cajon, California, Chairman of the Green Section Award Committee, and Harry W. Easterly, Jr., Senior Executive Director of the USGA, made the presentation. The Green Section Conference was part of the week-long Golf Course Superintendents Association of America International Turfgrass Conference and Show. It was an especially fitting tribute to Charles Wilson, for he has long championed the role of the golf course superintendent.

Born in Port Jervis, New York, Wilson was graduated from the University of Maryland, in 1950, with a degree in agronomy. He joined the Green Section Staff as an undergraduate research assistant in the Beltsville, Maryland, office, in 1947. In 1952, he established the first regional Green Section office in Davis, California, and became the first full-time turfgrass consultant in the field. As a result of his tireless efforts in the western region, the Turf Advisory Service eventually established itself throughout the country. Today it serves over 1,300 USGA Member Clubs.

Wilson left the USGA in 1955 to become agronomist with the Sewerage Commission of the City of Milwaukee. Later, he became head agronomist,



*(Left to right) Harry W. Easterly, Jr., USGA Executive Director; Charles G. Wilson, Green Section Award Recipient; Stephen J. Horrell, Green Section Committee Chairman.*

sales manager, and, finally, director, succeeding O. J. Noer, in 1960. Wilson serves today as the research director of the O. J. Noer Foundation, Inc. He is a member of the American Society of Agronomy as well as the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. He has been actively involved in the successful Wisconsin Turfgrass Conference, which he founded 16 years ago, in cooperation with the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association.

The literature of turfgrass management is far richer today for the contributions of Charlie Wilson throughout his career. He has written a chapter in

the *Turfgrass Science Monography*, published by the American Society of Agronomy. He has been the author and co-author of numerous bulletins, articles and papers dealing with all phases of turf culture throughout the United States and Canada.

As he received the Award, accompanied by his wife, Marion, Wilson said, "We are proud to have helped the grass to grow — for golf." The USGA is also proud to identify, celebrate, and hold up for emulation individuals, such as Charles G. Wilson, who exemplify outstanding dedication through their work with turfgrass.