

Sherwood A. Moore

USGA Green Section

1987 Award Recipient

NO GOLF COURSE superintendent is more qualified or deserving of the Green Section Award, presented annually for distinguished service to golf through work with turfgrass, than Sherwood A. Moore. He exemplifies the modern professional and his contributions to the game. On February 2, 1987, in Phoenix, Arizona, Moore became the 27th recipient of the highest recognition the USGA bestows in the field of turfgrass management.

Before 1,000 guests, the Award was presented by Montford T. Johnson, of Amarillo, Texas, the USGA Treasurer, at the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Annual Turfgrass Conference. The Annual Green Section Educational Program was held earlier in the day, the sixth consecutive year it has been held in conjunction with the GCSAA International Turfgrass Conference and Show. Over 1,100 superintendents and club and golf association officials from throughout the world attended.

A native of West Hanover, Connecticut, Moore began his career in golf in 1939. Holding an associate's degree, from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture of the University of Massachusetts, he applied his expertise at Lake Mohawk Golf Club and Hollywood Golf Club, both in New Jersey; Woodway Country Club, in Darien Connecticut; and during two tenures at Winged Foot Golf Club, in Mamaroneck, New York. While he was at Winged Foot, he was responsible for preparing the course for three USGA Championships — the 1959 and 1984 U.S. Opens and the 1980 U.S. Senior Open.

He has been an enthusiastic and articulate spokesman for the turf management industry as both an author and lec-



Sherwood Moore (right) with John Schilling, Executive Director of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, during preparations for the 1984 U.S. Open at Winged Foot.

turer. He has participated in hundreds of educational conferences, and served as an instructor at Short Courses for turfgrass students at Rutgers University. In a career that has spanned four decades, including combat service with the Eighth Air Force during the Second World War, he has provided guidance, training, help, and encouragement to young people in turfgrass management and golf.

AN INNOVATOR, he was one of the first superintendents to use arsenicals for wide-scale control of *Poa annua* on fairways and rough areas. He pioneered fairway contour mowing and using triplex green mowers on fairways. Sherwood worked closely with researchers and manufacturers in the use of new equipment and chemicals and their application techniques to actual golf course situations.

In 1939 he became a member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, rising to President, in

1962. He has been a member of the USGA Green Section Committee for 15 years and on the Review Board for the James B. Beard book *Turf Management for Golf Courses*, a USGA publication. He has also served as President of the New Jersey GCSA, in 1953 and 1954, and the New York Metropolitan GCSA, in 1965 and 1966. He continues to be active in many associations in the Northeast, as well as with the O. J. Noer Turfgrass Research Foundation.

As he accepted the Award, Moore said, "To work with nature, to travel, to see the progress we have all made in the care of golf courses in these years has been an exciting and rewarding experience to me. To my wife, Marie, to all my friends, I share this recognition with you."

Sherwood Moore has led the way to greater professionalism within the ranks of the golf course superintendent. He has led the way in dedication and service to golf. He honors the Award, and is eminently deserving of it.