

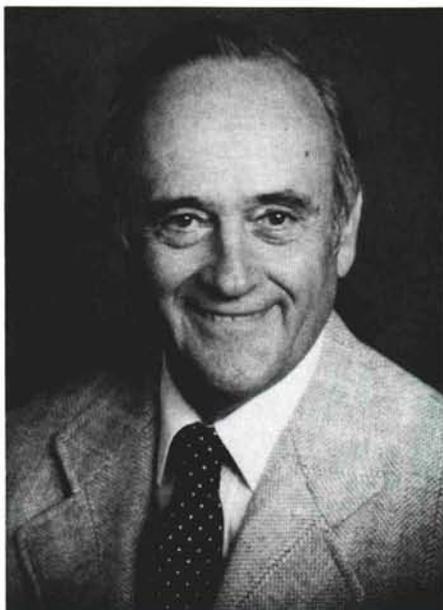
Joseph C. Troll — 1991 USGA Green Section Award Recipient

DR. JOSEPH C. TROLL, renowned educator of golf course superintendents and other turfgrass specialists, has received the 1991 Green Section Award from the United States Golf Association. Raymond B. Anderson, Chairman of the USGA Green Section Committee, presented the award to Dr. Troll on February 13, 1991, in Las Vegas, Nevada. The presentation was made at the banquet of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America annual conference and show.

"This is a man who worked hard to get an education and then worked harder to educate others," noted Anderson when presenting the award. The turfgrass industries have made substantial improvements as a result of better educated golf course superintendents and turfgrass managers. These results are in no small way due to the dedicated efforts of Joseph Troll.

Dr. Troll received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Rhode Island. In 1965 he received his Ph.D. from the University of Massachusetts, studying the pathogenicity of the nematodes *Pratylenchus penetrans* and *Tylenchorhynchus claytoni* on turfgrasses. Dr. Troll joined the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences at the University of Massachusetts as an instructor in 1957 and was promoted to professor in 1959.

During his University of Massachusetts tenure, Dr. Troll was involved in the education of more than a thousand students who participated in his program. He was responsible for teaching undergraduate and graduate courses, conducting an eight-week winter school for turfgrass managers, and teaching courses in a two-year program at Stockbridge School. He actively participated in the growth and development of his students, and his encouraging guidance influenced many to become outstanding golf course superintendents, educators,



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and leaders in the turfgrass industry. As one nomination stated, "Dr. Troll uses every opportunity to promote golf, and especially the golf course superintendent. His legacy is the numerous outstanding superintendents he has inspired. He takes pride in keeping up with his graduates and encouraging them as their careers develop."

In receiving the award, Dr. Troll said, "One of the most rewarding aspects of my tenure at the University of Massachusetts was my association with the students and watching them succeed at their chosen profession. A good number have invited me to play golf at their courses, but I would be playing until I was 102."

As a researcher and extension specialist, Dr. Troll worked on turfgrass variety and management studies, reno-

vation, nematode studies, and roadside turfgrass research projects. He has published more than 70 scientific journal papers and extension publications during his career. He supervised the construction, establishment, and maintenance of the eight-acre Turfgrass Research Center in South Deerfield, Massachusetts.

Dr. Troll's contributions did not stop at the university. He served as advisor and contributor to various turfgrass magazines. He was a USGA Green Section Committee member, and assisted the Northeastern Region in conducting Turf Advisory Service visits. He also served as a member of the Massachusetts Pesticide Task Force. His expertise was called upon as he served as a supportive investigator and consultant to the Roadside Development Project.

For his many contributions, Dr. Troll has been recognized over the years. In 1983 the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America presented him with their Distinguished Service Award. He was chosen as Outstanding Professor for three years by the Stockbridge School, and he has received honorary memberships in many golf course superintendents associations in the eastern United States.

Dr. Troll retired from the University in 1988, but he remains very active as the secretary-treasurer of the Massachusetts Turf and Lawn Grass Association. He currently is investigating reduced maintenance inputs on cool-season turfgrasses, use of composted sludge, and nitrogen and potassium effects on the quality, growth, and stress tolerance of perennial ryegrass.

The golf industry has benefited greatly by Dr. Troll's dedication and achievements. For his tireless work as a teacher, researcher, and extension specialist, he is a highly deserving recipient of the 1991 Green Section Award.