

Eb Steiniger Receives Piper & Oakley Award



EBERHARD "EB" STEINIGER, CGCS, the legendary, longtime superintendent of the Pine Valley Golf Club in Clementon, N.J., has been named the sixth recipient of the USGA Green Section's Piper & Oakley Award. The Piper & Oakley Award was established in 1998 to recognize persons who have so generously contributed to the programs and activities of the USGA Green Section. Drs. Charles V. Piper and Russell A. Oakley were among the earliest scientists to conduct studies in the fields of turfgrass science and golf course management, and served as the first Chairman and Co-Chairman, respectively, of the USGA Green Section. They were men of great character, keen vision, and remarkable achievement, characteristics that pertain equally well to Eb Steiniger.

Eb's contributions to the Green Section dramatically underscore the reasons for his selection for the award. Beginning his career at Pine Valley in the 1920s, Eb met Dr. Oakley prior to Oakley's untimely death in 1928, and thereafter served as friend, confidant, and advisor to generations of Green Section agronomists and directors, including Dr. John Montieth, Dr. Fanny-Fern Davis, and Dr. Fred Grau. He was especially close to Al Radko, the longtime Northeast Region Director and National Green Section Director, and he helped mold the careers of agronomists such as Holman Griffin, Billy Buchanan, and Stanley Zontek. Officially, he served on the USGA Green Section Committee from 1972 to 1990 and the USGA Green Section Award Committee from 1974 to 1989. Eb was also extremely generous in sharing his experiences with other golf course superintendents by writing articles for the *Green Section Record* and serving as toastmaster and speaker at many a Green Section education conference. His enthusiasm for his profession and his boundless curiosity in trying to find a better way to maintain his golf course made him a magnet for visits from Green Section agronomists, and he never failed to have something new to show them. On behalf of the many Green Section agronomists whom you have counseled over the years, we salute you, Eb!

The Piper & Oakley Award was presented to Eb in early July by Jim Snow, National Director of the Green Section, at a luncheon with some of Eb's longtime friends near his New Jersey home.

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