

News Notes

Jim Moore (right), director of the Construction Education Program, presents Jim Latham with the USGA Green Section Piper & Oakley Award during the Wisconsin Golf Superintendents Association get-together held at the GCSAA Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.



LATHAM NAMED USGA'S PIPER & OAKLEY AWARD RECIPIENT

Jim Latham of Deltona, Fl., was presented with the United States Golf Association Green Section's Piper & Oakley Award in February 2003 at the annual GCSAA Conference and Show. The award was established in 1998 to recognize meritorious service to the USGA Green Section and the game of golf by a volunteer.

Latham was actively involved on the USGA Turfgrass and Environmental Research Committee from 1995 to 2002. He attended numerous research monitoring visits and was able to shed some practical light on the research being considered by the committee.

"I'm thrilled to be named the winner of the Piper & Oakley Award," said Latham. "I was honored to be appointed to the Turfgrass and Environmental Research Committee in the first place, and those eight years of association with the committee were a real pleasure as well as a constant source of new information."

His practical insight came from his long-standing involvement in the turfgrass industry. Latham worked as a USGA Green Section agronomist from 1956 through 1960, and he returned for a second stint from 1984 to 1994. In between, he worked for 25 years with the Milwaukee Sewerage Commission, helping to promote one of the nation's first businesses designed to recycle waste products into landscape fertilizers.

Following their retirement from the USGA in 1994, the Lathams moved

back to their home state, residing in White Bluff, Texas. Jim's wife, Lois, also had a long history with the Green Section, working alongside Jim as his secretary and operating the regional office during Jim's Green Section career. They recently moved to Florida to be near their family.

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 & Oakley Award periodically recognizes others who have so generously contributed to the programs and activities of the USGA Green Section.

2002 RESEARCH SUMMARIES AVAILABLE

The 2002 *Turfgrass and Environmental Research Summaries* are now available free of charge through the USGA Order Department. The publications compile the results of 79 research project grants distributed in 2002, totaling \$1.47 million.

The publication is available in two formats. The first booklet provides a one-page summary of each research project. This publication is appropriate for researchers, university extension personnel, and golf course superinten-

dents who are interested in a bit more in-depth information on the research projects. Request publication #NSI 150.

The second document, the 2002 *Turfgrass and Environmental Research Executive Summary*, provides a brief synopsis of each project supported by the USGA's Turfgrass and Environmental Research Program. The general public and course officials will be more interested in this format. The publication number to request is NS 1651.

Both documents are available free of charge by contacting the USGA Order Department at 888-336-4446 or by contacting Mary McConnell, USGA Green Section, at mmcconnell@usga.org.

ON-LINE RESEARCH INFORMATION RESOURCE AVAILABLE

Keeping up to date on current research taking place at universities across the country can be a daunting task. For many years, using the Turfgrass Information File (TGIF) has proven to be an excellent resource to easily research and access published turfgrass information found in journals and trade magazines.

Recently, the USGA has launched an on-line information resource to supplement TGIF with detailed results of USGA-funded research projects. The *Turfgrass and Environmental Research Online (TERO)* is designed to share results of completed and ongoing research projects. As the final project results are published in scientific research journals and trade magazines, these references will become available through TGIF and linked to the TERO article.

TERO is written with the golf course superintendent and other turfgrass professionals in mind. It is not necessary to be a subscribing member of TGIF to access the information published on TERO. Take a look at <http://usgatero.msu.edu>.