

# Feser Honor to Witteveen

The Leo Feser Award is presented to a golf course superintendent and GCSAA member who has, in the past year, authored the article in *Golf Course Management* magazine that the Editorial and Awards Committee judges to have been the most outstanding superintendent-written contribution.

GCSAA member superintendents (E, AA, A or B) are eligible for this award, which recognizes not just the author's literary efforts, but his or her contribution to higher levels of professionalism and the welfare of fellow superintendents.

This year's winner is Gordon C. Witteveen, superintendent of the Board of

Trade Country Club, Woodbridge, Ontario, Canada.

Witteveen is a regular contributor to GCM. His primary submission this past year was "Fine Bowling Greens: Fast and Flat," September 1983.

Witteveen has been a director of GCSAA and has served as president, vice president and secretary of the Canadian GSA, which he helped to organize. He is a graduate of the Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph, Ontario.

## The Winner's Reaction

When notified of his selection as the 1983 recipient of the Leo Feser Award, Witteveen reacted with, "When it rains, it pours." This may seem like a somewhat surprising reaction to such an honor, but he said he had just been notified of his selection as the "Superintendent of the Year" in Canada. He said writing is a hobby with him, and to be selected to receive an award for writing — especially since he had not been brought up with the language — is indeed an honor.

Although Witteveen has had no formal training or education in writing, he does think it is very important for superintendents to be able to write. A superintendent must have command of the language and must be able to communicate — not only with his peers, but with the members he serves. Witteveen says his training comes from a lot of reading and encouragement from others, and the fact that he now does a lot of writing.

## The Story Behind One Story

Lawn bowling may seem, to most of us, something that is far removed from the world of golf. Witteveen says that is not so. The care and maintenance of bowling greens is similar to that of golf greens, especially in areas with similar climates to Ontario. The one big difference — one that causes a unique problem with the care of bowling greens — is the shape of the greens. A bowling green is square. Witteveen asks, "Have you ever tried to mow a square green?"

The author goes on to say, "Lawn bowling is becoming more popular. In addition to being played in Canada and other areas outside the United States, it is being played in the northeast U.S., California and Florida. The game is really gaining popularity in Florida as more and more Canadians travel there."

He says he feels very honored and appreciates being selected to receive the 1983 Leo Feser Award.



The USGA Research Committee met recently at Golf House to set the course for future turfgrass research. From left: Dr. Paul Rieke of Michigan State University; James G. Prusa, GCSAA associate executive director; George M. Bard, a member of the USGA Executive Committee; Alexander M. Radko, USGA (retired); Monty Moncrief of Athens, Ga.; Dr. James R. Watson, vice president, Toro; Charles W. Smith of the Club Managers Association; Dr. Marvin Ferguson of Texas A&M University, and William Bengyfield, national director of the USGA Green Section and chairman of the Research Committee.



GCSAA Associate Executive Director James G. Prusa, CGCS, presented a GCSAA Scholarship to William Craig Schreiner, an Ohio State University student, at the annual Ohio Turf Foundation Banquet recently in Cincinnati. From left are Prusa, Schreiner and GCSAA Director Paul Boizelle, CGCS.