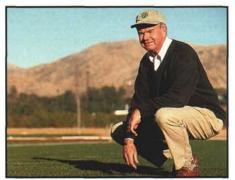
# Piper and Oakley Award Inaugurated

Four volunteers recently received the newly created Piper and Oakley Award from the USGA Green Section.

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. They were men of great character, keen vision, and remarkable achievement, whose contributions to the improvement in early greenkeeping methods cannot be overstated. The Piper and Oakley Award was established to recognize others who have so generously contributed to the programs and activities of the Green Section of the United States Golf Association.

Three of the recipients have been long-term members of the USGA's Turfgrass and Environmental Research Committee. They have been instrumental in guiding a research program that has funded more than 150 research projects since 1983, at a cost of about \$17 million to the USGA.



Dr. Vic Gibeault



Dr. James Watson

**Dr. Vic Gibeault**, a turfgrass extension specialist at the University of California-Riverside, served the committee through his keen ability for planning and communications. He was a member of the committee from 1985 through 1997.

**Dr. Paul Rieke** is a professor of turfgrass soils at Michigan State University and has contributed immeasurably in the fields of soils and turfgrass fertility. He has served continuously on the Turfgrass and Environmental Research Committee since its inception in 1982.

**Dr. James Watson** also has served on the committee since 1982. Dr. Watson was a vice-president of the Toro Company for many years and the first scientist to receive a Ph.D. in turfgrass science. He has brought to the committee expertise in grass improvment and water issues in the game of golf.

**Dr. Arthur Weber**, a member of the USGA Green Section Committee since 1984, has enthusiastically championed environmental stewardship in golf and written numerous articles on a variety of topics for the *USGA Green Section Record*.



Dr. Paul Rieke



Dr. Arthur Weber

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