



WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN GOLF ASSOCIATION

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Don Erbach Honored as the Recipient of the 2016 Randal P. (Randy) Reed Achievement Award

ARNOLD, MARYLAND – Dr. Don Erbach, a member of the Executive Committee of the Washington Metropolitan GA, is the recipient of the 2016 Randal P. (Randy) Reed Achievement Award. Don is a member of the Mount Vernon CC and serves on the Executive Committee of the WMGA. He has is a volunteer with the Middle Atlantic GA, the Middle Atlantic Section of the PGA, and assists with high school golf championships in Virginia and Maryland. Don is also a member of the USGA Regional Affairs Committee.

Don was recognized for his unwavering support of amateur and junior golf throughout the region and his efforts in the field of Rules of Golf education. Don is often the first volunteer to show up and the last to leave. His expertise has helped elevate the reputation of the WMGA as one of the top golf associations in the nation, especially in the field of Rules of Golf administration. His years of traipsing around farm fields and agricultural research centers prepared him well for hiking over golf courses.

Don spent 40 years with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service with a focus on technologies related to improving soil management and crop production.

Erbach grew up in New Holstein, Wis., and attended the University of Wisconsin, where he received bachelor of science degrees in agriculture and mechanical engineering in 1964 and 1965 respectively, and a master's degree in agricultural engineering. He received his doctorate in agricultural engineering from Iowa State University in 1974.

From 1999 until his retirement in 2006, Erbach was the ARS national program leader for engineering and energy. During that time, he was the team leader of the agency's Bioenergy and Energy Alternatives national research program and was a co-leader of the crop production national program. Since retiring, Erbach has presented at conferences in the U.S., Canada, Ireland, France and Slovakia on the need for and the potential to replace gasoline and diesel fuel with biofuels.

Don is a member of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers.

The Washington Metropolitan Golf Association (WMGA) and its predecessor organization (the District of Columbia Golf Association) have been serving Washington area golfers since 1914. The WMGA is comprised of member golf clubs within the Greater Washington Metropolitan area. The WMGA conducts six major junior championships, some of which are the longest running in the country. The objectives of the association are to promote junior and amateur golf, maintain the true spirit of the game, and provide services to its member clubs.

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