Long-time Maine supers shuffle positions, leave posts

AUGUSTA, Maine — In a state known for its stability, an unusual turnover has taken place at six of arguably the state's top seven golf courses.

Most visible are former Maine Golf Course Superintendents Association (MGCSA) President Pat Lewis, Kevin Ross and Chuck Ravis.

• Ravis, MGCSA president in 1982-83, is leaving Augusta Country Club this November to pursue another career.
• At Portland Country Club assistant J.B. Christie has assumed the superintendent's duties, moving into a post held by Lewis.
• Lewis, the MGCSA president in 1994, has taken on the title of property manager.
• Ross, MGCSA president in 1988-89, started the bandwagon of departures last year when he left Falmouth Country Club to take on the position of director of agronomy at Country Club of the Rockies in Edwards, Colo. Assistant superintendent Scott Cybulski succeeded him.
• Kyle Evans has left Waterville Country Club to be general partner in a new public golf course under construction in Belgrade (see story page 22). Evans has been succeeded by Luke Gagne, who has left another of the top-ranked Maine courses — Kebo Valley Golf Club in Bar Harbor.
• Chuck Welch left Sable Oaks Golf Course in South Portland to take charge as superintendent at Nonesuch River Golf Club, formerly The Greens at Eagle Brook in Scarborough, which is adding nine holes to its nine-hole layout.

Mendenhall in Kansas Hall

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. — The late Chet Mendenhall, a pioneer in golf course management, was inducted into the Kansas Golf Hall of Fame, Aug. 2, at the Marriott Hotel here.

A charter member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (March 1, 1927), Mendenhall was inducted by P.G.A. Senior Tour professional Jim Colbert in recognition of his service to the standards he set, the work he did in organizing the national association and for his emphasis on education for the superintendent.

Mendenhall died Sept. 25, 1991, shortly after assisting in the dedication of GCSAA's new headquarters in Lawrence.