NEW C.G.C.S.

James E. Hoffman, superintendent of Benson Golf Club, has been designated a Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS) by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).

Hoffman has been superintendent of the Benson, Minnesota course since 1980. He lives at 612 12th Street North in Benson.

To become certified, a candidate must be employed as a golf course superintendent and have five years experience as a superintendent. The candidate also must pass a rigorous six-hour examination testing knowledge of the game and rules of golf, turfgrass management, pest control management, financial management, organizational management and the history, ethics, purpose and procedures of GCSAA.

The GCSAA certification program was instituted in 1971 as a means of recognizing outstanding and progressive golf course superintendents. More than 800 GCSAA members are currently entitled to use the letters "CGCS" after their names.

GCSAA, a professional association of golf course superintendents, was founded in 1926 to promote the art and science of golf course management. Its 7,500 members represent the United States, Canada, Mexico and 17 other countries. Headquarters for the association is in Lawrence, Kansas.

DYE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF GOLF COURSE ARCHITECTS

Pete Dye of Del Ray Beach, Florida, was elected president of the American Society of Golf Course Architects at the group's recent annual meeting in Bermuda.

Other officers elected at the meeting included Robert Trent Jones, Jr., of Palo Alto, Calif., vice president; Dan Maples of Pinehurst, N.C., secretary; and Tom Clark of Wheaton, Md., treasurer.

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