Beard, Gibeault Honored For Distinguished Service

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America’s board of directors has selected Dr. James B. Beard and Dr. Victor Gibeault to receive the association’s 1993 Distinguished Service Awards.

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GCSAA Election Set January 30 in Anaheim

Randy Nichols, CGCS, has been nominated for the presidency of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA). The association’s 1993 election of officers and directors will be held Saturday, January 30, during its annual meeting at the GCSAA International Golf Course Conference and Show in Anaheim, Calif.

Nichols, superintendent at Cherokee Town & Country Club in Dunwoody, Ga., is currently vice president of GCSAA.

Nominees for GCSAA vice president are directors Joseph G. Baidy, CGCS, Acacia Country Club in Lyndhurst, Ohio, and Gary T. Grigg, GCSSA, Naples National Golf Club, Naples, Fla. Baidy currently serves as GCSAA’s secretary/treasurer and Grigg is a director of the association.

Three candidates for director will be elected for two-year terms. The four nominees for director are Dave W. Fears, CGCS, Blue Hills Country Club, Kansas City, Mo.; Joseph M. Hahn, CGCS, Oak Hill Country Club, Rochester, N.Y.; Charles T. Passios, CGCS, Hyannisport Club, Hyannisport, Mass., and G.E. “George” Renault, Ill., CGCS, Burning Tree Club, Bethesda, Md. Hahn and Passios both currently serve as directors of GCSAA.

GCSAA’s current president, William R. Roberts, CGCS, Lochmoore Club, Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich., will continue to serve on the board of directors for one year as immediate past president.

Two current board members, Paul S. McGinnis, CGCS, Union Hills Country Club, Phoenix, Ariz., and Bruce R. Williams, CGCS, Bob O’Link Golf Club, Highland Park, Ill., have one year remaining on their terms.

GCSAA’s International Golf Course Conference and Show runs January 23-30 at the Anaheim Convention Center.

The title “CGCS,” which follows a superintendent’s name, stands for Certified Golf Course Superintendent. This distinction recognizes the achievement of high standards of professionalism through education and experience. More than 1,200 GCSAA members currently hold the CGCS title.

Headquartered in Lawrence, Kan., GCSAA is a 12,000-member international professional association dedicated to promoting the principles and techniques of responsible golf course management. Its members are the men and women who manage and maintain golf courses around the world.

Wetlands Permitting To Be Streamlined

The wetlands permitting process will be streamlined, making it easier for applicants to obtain permit decisions.

The more efficient process is the result of an agreement signed between EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The agreement says that a corps division or district supervisor, or an EPA regional administrator can initiate a policy implementation review between the two agencies through written notification to resolve differences.

The two agencies have disagreed on occasion over issuing development permits under authority of the Clean Water Act.

The agencies vowed to develop within six months written procedures to ensure effective coordination.