Minnesotan Receives Professional Certification

Kevin J. Black, Superintendent at Prairie View Golf Links, Worthington, has been designated a Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS) by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).

Black has been superintendent at the Worthington course since 1995. He lives at 1300 Apel Ave., Worthington.

GCSAA instituted the certification program in 1971 to recognize outstanding and progressive superintendents. More than 1,600 active GCSAA members currently hold “CGCS” status.

To become certified, a candidate must have five years experience as a golf course superintendent, be employed in that capacity and meet specific educational requirements of college credit or continuing education units. The candidate must then pass a rigorous six-hour examination covering knowledge of GCSAA and its certification program, the rules of golf, turfgrass management, pest management; safety and compliance and financial and organizational management.

As part of the certification process, an on-site inspection of Black’s golf course operation was conducted by two certified golf course superintendents: Doug Wicks, CGCS, at Brooks Golf Course, Okoboji, Iowa, and Steve Harrer, CGCS, at Minnehaha Country Club, Sioux Falls, S. D.

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ST. CROIX NATIONAL PRO’S: Chad Tucker, left, assistant pro, and Craig Linder, head pro, helped the championship run smoothly.

JEFF LANGEVIN, Par Aide Products Company, launches another slapshot.

MGCSA AMATEUR CHAMPION Bruce Leland, left, visits with, from left, Butch Greeninger, John Nylund and Steve Busch. Busch won the Long Drive contest on No. 4.
MIKE OLSON of Golden Valley Country Club attempts to get up and down for his par on the 13th hole at Saint Croix National.
EDITOR'S CORNER
By Dale Wysocki
Minnesota Vikings Football Organization

Standing on the outside looking at this discussion concerning dual membership and after reading the Chapter Affiliation papers last night, (no, I have nothing else to do) and after all I am not a member of GCSAA, so I did enter the legal jargon with a very open mind. In thinking through each area, I found that this piece of paper is a very powerful piece of paper, and I am assuming that the Board really has gone through and dissected it with the precision of a neuro-surgeon. There are parts that I wonder about and there are parts that just truly represent the legal requirement of today’s world.

In a way this is a contract for affiliation. I still think that GCSAA’s main purpose should be to educate people, be it Superintendents, Assistants or anyone else who is associated with Golf Course Management on how to do their job better. As far as the dual membership clause, I do not think that this is totally over yet. Maybe it is time that the information that the GCSAA sends voting members should really be looked at thoroughly, and acted upon. Since Class A and B members have one vote, you can exercise your right to vote with the MGCSA, or if you follow the directions in your election packet you could vote your one vote during the GCSAA Annual Meeting.

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I have got to give Thomas Parent a lot of credit for everything he did for Hole Notes. Tom brought out some subjects that made you think, and he was very candid with his beliefs. It is rare when you find a person with such conviction.

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What has been the difference between this year and last? The media weather forecasters have been claiming that it has been an extremely dry year around the Twin Cities. Close personal friends from up around Duluth have told me that they have received almost nine inches of rain from July 1 to August 8. If you’re interested, there are construction plans for an Ark available through the Internet.

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Those in the know are saying that The Classic Golf Course at Madden’s (site of this year’s Stodola Research Scramble), is very dramatic! It will make for an interesting challenge. The golf course was designed by Geoff Cornish, Warren Rebolz, John Harris and Scott Hoffman, CGCS. I guess you could refer to this group as the “Dream Team of Golf Course Architecture.”

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Bruce Leland, of Continental Bridge, repeated as MGCSA Amateur Champion. Absolutely awesome.

The Minnesota Golfer magazine, published by the Minnesota Golf Association, recently ran an in-depth article about two very respected Golf Course Superintendents: James Gardner, CGCS, of The Wilds, and Jack MacKenzie, CGCS, of North Oaks. These stories were insightful and great publicity for all members of the MGCSA. The story focused on two exceptionally fine people who know what they are doing.
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