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U.S. first-half activity: 1990 vs 1989

	1990	1989	Difference
Open	129	159	-30
Under construction	570	375	+195
In planning	684	416	+268
Totals	1,383	950	+433

Source: NGF

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Fazio repeats as best designer

By Mark Leslie

Tom Fazio, whose stock continues to rise, has repeated as Golf Course Architect of the Year for 1990.

Fazio, with offices in Hendersonville, N.C., and Jupiter, Fla., received 31 percent of the votes cast in *Golf Course News'* second

annual survey of the nation's architects.

Rees Jones of Montclair, N.J., finished runner-up for the second straight year, with 21 percent of the vote. Jay Morrish of Tulsa, Okla., who designs courses with ex-Tour pro Tom Weiskopf, received 19 percent and placed

third.

"It's just sensational what's happening in golf, and the kinds of golf courses and products being done," Fazio said. "The competition level in golf is so high. The desire for quality, dramatics, sensational, tremendous golf is out there and it's an exciting

time."

Asked if 1990 was his best year, Fazio said: "Maybe in terms of five spectacular sites." Yet he raved about the courses that will be completed this year.

"I have a site in Michigan (Treetops Golf Course) that

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A Fazio 1990 creation

Indwelling the hills of his hometown of Hendersonville, N.C., is Tom Fazio's Champion Hills golf course.

This is a view of the 13th hole from the elevated tees before the tees were seeded. America's top golf course architect for 1990 will live in and be part owner of Champion Hills. For more information on course development, see pages 19-22.

Photo by Jan Beljan

Cadenelli to be 'Education President'

By Peter Blais

The Education President. It's a title many want, but few deserve. Stephen Cadenelli is one of the few.

The incoming president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America

wanted to be a teacher when he graduated with a bachelor's degree in education in 1970.

But teaching jobs were scarce 20 years ago. So when several months spent pounding the pavement of

academia led nowhere, Cadenelli followed the asphalt to Greenock Country Club in Lee, Mass.

The head superintendent at Greenock was Peter Solinelli, Cadenelli's fellow co-captain from their days on

the local high school football team. Solinelli hired his former teammate as his assistant.

"Initially, I was just filling in" remembered Cadenelli, who was promoted to head

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Muirfield best conditioned, say pros

From staff reports

Muirfield Village Golf Club in Dublin, Ohio edged out Butler National Golf Club of Oak Brook, Ill. as the best-conditioned course on the

professional tour in a recent *Golf Course News* survey of 30 touring PGA and LPGA players.

Muirfield, site of the Memorial Tournament in early May, received 13 first-place votes.

Butler, for years the host of the Western Open, was the choice of 11 players.

Westchester Country Club (Westchester Classic) in Rye, N.Y. garnered two votes.

Polling one apiece were Glen Abbey Golf Club (Canadian Open) in Oakville, Ontario; Champions Golf

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Club (Nabisco Championship) in Houston, Texas; Castle Pines Golf Club (The International) in Castle Rock, Colo.; and Pleasant Valley Country Club (Bank of Boston Classic) in Sutton, Mass.

"Muirfield is by far the best year in and year out," said tour professional Scott Verplank of the Desmond Muirhead/Jack Nicklaus-designed course.

"Muirfield's always the best," added Kenny Knox.

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Tax abatement saves clubs thousands

By Peter Blais

The National Club Association claims it saved tax-exempt clubs thousands of dollars in penalties by intervening with the Internal Revenue Service in the U.S. Supreme Court's *Portland Golf Club v Commissioner of Internal Revenue* case.

The savings for an average club with a \$10,000 unrelated business income tax liability could be as much as \$4,500

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Cadenelli

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superintendent when Solinelli left for a Vermont course several months later. "To be honest, I was a little bored that first year or two. I really wanted to teach.

"The first time I really got excited about becoming a superintendent was at a turf conference at the University of Massachusetts in 1972. I was amazed at the complexity of the business, the expertise of the researchers who spoke. That turned me on for life. I was intrigued that there was so much to it."

Cadenelli graduated from the UMass winter turf program in 1974 before moving on to Pequot Country Club in Stonington, Conn.,

the Country Club of New Canaan (Conn.) and eventually The Metedeconk National Golf Club in Jackson, N.J., where he has been the past six years.

But getting back to education. Cadenelli joined the GCSAA in 1972. He became a member of the Education Committee in 1979 and chairman shortly after winning election to the GCSAA board of directors in 1986. He also chaired the Certification Committee.

"One of my main concerns is increasing the professionalism of our organization through education," said Cadenelli. "I believe in education in all aspects of life. I'll be out there promoting education to our members and trying to upgrade the education of the people coming into the profession."

Cadenelli is a strong supporter of the GCSAA requirement that any superintendent



S. Cadenelli

certified in the year 2004 and beyond have a four-year college degree.

"You need more than just the technical training to be a superintendent. You need a much broader educational background to be a superintendent today," Cadenelli said.

"If people are going to view our group as professionals in the future, our members need four-year degrees. It's essential for a superintendent today to understand things like how the economy works and how it affects his golf course."

Cadenelli's other major concern is the environment.

"I want to continue to emphasize the work the GCSAA has done with the environment," he said. "We need to highlight ways the superintendent can better manage his course."

Cadenelli grew up across the street from Greenock Country Club. He didn't play golf until he was a sophomore in high school. He was the No. 3 player on his high school team. Over the years his handicap has ranged from 11 to 14.

He was secretary/treasurer of the GCSAA in 1989 and vice president in 1990. He is running unopposed for president.

GCSAA's '91 president

Name: Stephen G. Cadenelli

Age: 42

Course: The Metedeconk National Golf Club, Jackson, N.J.

Former head superintendent at: CC of New Canaan (Conn.); Pequot GC, Stonington, Conn.; Greenock CC, Lee, Mass.

Years GCSAA Member: 18

GCSAA positions held: Vice president (1990); secretary/treasurer (1989); member board of directors (since 1986); past chairman of education, certification, finance, communication awards, public relations and planning committees

Other associations: Member and past president Conn. Assn. of GCS; member GCSA of N.J., Metropolitan GCSA, N.Y. State Turfgrass Assoc., N.J. State Turfgrass Assoc.

Education: Graduate of winter turf school, Univ. of Mass.; bachelors degree in education, No. Michigan Univ.

Family: Wife, Linda; children, Tara, 20, Matthew, 18

Goal: "First, I want to continue to emphasize the work that's been done on the effects of golf on the environment while highlighting ways to better manage a golf course. Second, I want to promote the professionalism of our association by encouraging education."

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