

Schwall becomes 1,200th CGCS

With David R. Schwall of Sky Top Lodges in Sky Top, Pa., joining the ranks, there are now 1,200 certified golf course superintendents.

Schwall completed the testing process required to become a certified golf course superintendent through a program administered by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

"Few people realize the skills, talents and education needed to manage a golf course today," said Stephen G. Cadenelli, president of GCSAA.

"For 20 years, our certification program has spurred superintendents to new heights of expertise and given the golf community a

better understanding of the level of professionalism required to provide great conditions for great golf."

To earn the CGCS title, the individual must have had five years experience as a golf course superintendent and be employed in that capacity.

The candidate must pass a six-hour examination covering turfgrass management, pest management, financial and organizational management and the rules of golf.

In addition, an on-site inspection of the candidate's golf course operation is conducted by two certified superintendents.

Certification must be renewed every five years.

Wise duties at St. Lucie West expand, include maintenance for entire project

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — St. Lucie West's Richard C. Wise has added project maintenance for the Thos. J. White company's 7.5-square-mile development to a growing list of maintenance and improvement duties. His new title is project manager.

The 38-year-old Wise has managed golf course operations since St. Lucie West opened its first 18 holes in October 1988. Since April he has been responsible for the care and keeping of the baseball fields in and around Thomas J. White Stadium, the Florida home of the New York Mets and Class A Florida League St. Lucie Mets.

Wise came to St. Lucie West Country Club from the 54-hole Meadows Country Club in Sarasota, Fla. He helped complete construction of St. Lucie West's Jim Fazio course, assisted in the grow-in, and has since been in charge of the home of the International Women's Open.

His earlier superintendent posts were at the Tampa Airport Resort Golf & Racquet Club and Lake Region Yacht and Country Club in Lakeland, Fla.

Awarded a PGA scholarship, Wise graduated from Lake City (Fla.) Community College. His earliest assignments involved Sun & Lakes Country Club in Lake Placid, Fla., and Inverrary Country Club in metropolitan Fort Lauderdale, Fla.



Rick Wise

Hritsko new super at Bardmoor North

Stephen J. Hritsko has been named golf course superintendent for the Bardmoor North Golf Club course.

Hritsko's responsibilities will include supervising and maintaining the championship course, which was the former site of the JC Penney Classic.

Hritsko has been with Bardmoor for eight years, acting as the assistant superintendent for the past two

years. He previously assisted with the care and maintenance of The Bayou Club golf course for two years. Prior to moving to Florida, he was with Lawsonia Links in Green Lake, Wis.

Hritsko attended Golf Course Operations School at the University of Massachusetts. He is also a member of Florida Golf Course Superintendents' Association, the Golf Course Superintendents' Association of America and the Florida Turfgrass Association.

"I'm very excited about my new responsibilities," said Hritsko. "The Bardmoor North Golf Club course is one of the finest in Florida, and I am looking forward to providing an excellent golfing experience for all our guests."



Stephen J. Hritsko

John Yancey joins Colleton River Plt.

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — John Grayson Yancey has been named superintendent at Colleton River Plantation, the 700-acre country club community where a Jack Nicklaus golf course is under construction.

Yancey will be responsible for maintaining the condition of the course, as well as the Augusta National-type par 3 course being built at Colleton River Plantation.

Prior to joining the Colleton River team, Yancey was greens superintendent for five years at Lake Nona Golf Club in Orlando, Fla.

Yancey has held the same position at Deland (Fla.) Country Club and at Shipyard Plantation on Hilton Head Island. He is a graduate of Central Florida Community College in Ocala and Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Ga. He is also a Class A member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.



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