

Long-time Maine supers shuffle positions, leave posts

AUGUSTA, Maine — In a state known for its stability, an unusual turnover has taken place this summer. Superintendents at six of arguably the state's top seven golf courses have left for their jobs.

Most visible are former Maine Golf Course Superintendents Association (MGCSA) Presidents **Pat Lewis**, **Kevin Ross** and **Chuck Ravis**.

• **Ravis**, MGCSA president in 1982-83, is leaving Augusta Country Club this November to

pursue another career

• At Portland Country Club former assistant **J.B. Christie** has assumed the superintendent's duties, moving into a post held by **Lewis**.



Pat Lewis

Lewis, the MGCSA president in 1994, has taken on the title of property manager.

• **Ross**, MGCSA president in 1988-89, started the bandwagon of departures last year when he left Falmouth Country Club to take on the position of director of agronomy at Country Club of the Rockies in Edwards, Colo. Assistant superintendent **Scott Cybulski** succeeded him.

• **Kyle Evans** has left Waterville Country Club to be general partner in a new public golf course under construction



in Belgrade (see story page 31). Evans has been succeeded by **Luke Gagne**, who has left another of the top-ranked Maine courses — Kebo Valley Golf Club in Bar Harbor.

• **Chuck Welch** left Sable Oaks Golf Course in South Portland to take charge as superintendent at Nonesuch River Golf Club, formerly The Greens at Eagle Brook in Scarborough, which is adding nine holes to its nine-hole layout.

• Superintendent **Jeff Smith** has left The Woodlands Club in Falmouth to join Irrigation Supply Inc.

• **BRASELTON, Ga.** — **David Keel** is the new assistant superintendent at the South Course at Chateau Elan Golf Club, formerly The Fields.

• **STONE MOUNTAIN, Ga.** — **Richard Larimore** has assumed the assistant superintendent position at Hidden Hills Country Club here.

• **ROSWELL, Ga.** — **Ricky Campbell** has left his superintendent's post at Brookfield West Golf and Country Club here and joined Stovall Turf & Industrial as Northeast sales representative. Campbell was succeeded by **David Burchett**, who was superintendent at Metropolitan Club of Atlanta.

• **NORCROSS, Ga.** — The Standard Club assistant superintendent **Dwight Kelley** has left to join the Cobblestone Group as superintendent.

• **GREENSBORO, Ga.** — **Steven Brady** has left nearby Port Armor Golf Club to join Great Waters Golf Course here, while former Great Waters superintendent **Michael "Butch" Foust** is growing in the new Tom Fazio golf course.



Mendenhall in Kansas Hall

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. — The late Chet Mendenhall, a pioneer in golf course management, was inducted into the Kansas Golf Hall of Fame, Aug. 2, at the Marriott Hotel here.

A charter member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (March 1, 1927), Mendenhall joined PGA Senior Tour professional Jim Colbert and Wichita



Chet Mendenhall

State University men's golf coach Grier Jones as honorees. GCSAA Director Dave Fearis of Blue Hills County Club in Kansas City, Mo., assisted as Mendenhall's inductor and made a special presentation to his widow, Sue.

"Chet was a true professional in every sense of the word," said Carl Beer, Mendenhall's successor at Mission Hills (Kan.) Country Club. "Today's superintendent owes a great deal to him for the standards he set, the work he did in organizing the national association and for his emphasis on education for the superintendent."

Mendenhall died Sept. 25, 1991, shortly after assisting in the dedication of GCSAA's new headquarters in Lawrence.

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