

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.

Beard's and Gibeault's dedication and outstanding contributions to the golf industry will be recognized at the opening session of the 64th GCSAA International Golf Course Conference and Show on January 26. The conference and show will be held Jan. 23-30 in Anaheim, Calif.

GCSAA President William R. Roberts, CGCS, said, "Each of these men has made an exceptional contribution to the advancement of the golf course superintendent's profession. I can think of no other individual as deserving as Drs. Beard and Gibeault to receive GCSAA Distinguished Service Awards."

Beard was a professor of turfgrass physiology and ecology for 35 years at Texas A&M University before retiring this year. During his tenure in the Department of Soil & Crop Sciences, Beard received numerous accolades and touched the lives of many golf course management professionals.

He has written several books that are widely used in turfgrass management instruction, including *Turfgrass: Science & Culture*, commonly referred to in the industry as "Beard's bible."

Among Beard's honors and awards have been the United States Golf Association (USGA) Green Section Award, the American Library Association's Oberly Award and the International Turfgrass Society's Distinguished Service Award. Beard is also a Fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Beard has been an Affiliate member of GCSAA since 1984.

"Dr. Beard is considered by many to be the premier turfgrass researcher of the last several decades," said Roberts. "He has always been a contributor to the educational and professional growth of golf course superintendents throughout the world."

Gibeault has been an extension environmental horticulturist at the University of California-Riverside for 13 years. He has been a member of the USGA Turfgrass Research Committee since 1985. Gibeault has also written numerous research reports and articles for golf course technical publications, and is the editor of *California Turfgrass Culture*.

Gibeault works closely with local San Diego and California superintendents associations. He is a member of the American Society of Agronomy, the International Turfgrass Society, and the Northern and Southern Turfgrass Councils.

"Vic's dedication and service to the golf community have significantly advanced the profession," said Roberts. "There are few people in our field who are as highly respected and have touched as many individuals as Dr. Gibeault."

GCSAA members and affiliated chapters submit nominations for the GCSAA Distinguished Service Award.

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. Fearis, 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, III, 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.