

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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SUPER SUPERINTENDENTS, from left to right, Jeff Backstrom, Cannon GC; Tom Fuller, Rush Creek GC; Kevin Clunis, Saint Croix National GC, and John Granholt, Eau Claire CC.



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