

Somerset's Jerry Murphy

Cited at National Meeting of GCSAA

Jerry Murphy, CGCS, of Somerset Country Club in Mendota Heights, was one of 15 members of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America to be recognized on February 10 for 25 years of excellence in the GCSAA certification program.

Designation as a certified golf course superintendent indicates achievement of high standards of professional excellence and carries with it the prestige of a proud profession.

Since 1971, GCSAA has bestowed the coveted designation of Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS) upon those who qualify with professional experience and education, and successfully complete a rigorous six-hour examination and on-site inspection of their golf course operation. To ensure this level of excellence is maintained, certified superintendents must renew their CGCS status every five years through continuing education requirements or re-examination. More than 1,600 superintendents currently hold "CGCS" status.

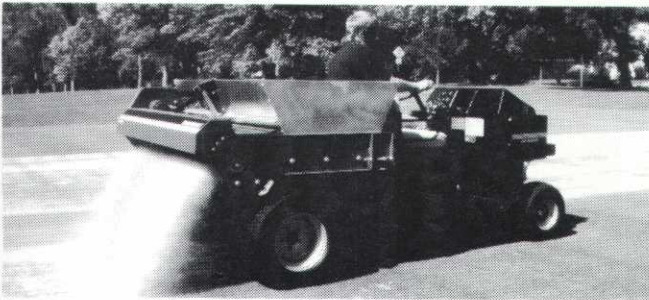
"Over the years, the term CGCS has taken on worldwide

importance for superintendents and their employers," says GCSAA President Bruce R. Williams, CGCS. "It truly is a measure of professional excellence in our industry."

The GCSAA Certification Program and the 15 GCSAA members celebrating their 25th anniversary of certification were recognized with "A Silver Celebration in the Silver State," a certification luncheon at GCSAA's 68th International Golf Course Conference and Show, in Las Vegas. Newly certified golf course superintendents in 1996 and those celebrating 15-, 20- and 25-year certification anniversaries were recognized. The luncheon was presented in partnership with Novartis.

The GCSAA members who celebrate their 25th anniversary as a certified golf course superintendent are from the inaugural class of 47 who were first recognized at GCSAA's International Golf Course Conference and Show in 1972 by Paul M. Alexander, Ph.D. Alexander was GCSAA's (Staff) Director of Education in 1971 and was instrumental in developing the CGCS program.

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