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The 1983 CAGCS Superintendent of the Year is — (envelope please) — FRED BACHAND

Fred Bachand, Wethersfield Country Club's golf course Superintendent, was voted by his peers as the 1983 Superintendent of the Year in the Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents. He received the award in November at the association's annual meeting held at the Watertown Country Club.

The criteria for this prestigious annual award, given for the first time this year, is based on the individual's length of membership in CAGCS (minimum of 5 years), knowledge and understanding of turfgrass and related sciences, understanding of the game of golf, contributions to local and allied associations and excellence in golf course conditioning.

There is no question that Fred Bachand meets all of this criteria — and then some. Over the years in his characteristically quiet and modest manner, Fred's quality work at Wethersfield has become the standard that rival Superintendents strive to emulate.

Since 1969 when Fred took over as the Superintendent at Wethersfield he has kept the members at Wethersfield proud of their golf course. And in August of each summer (that God-awful month for all Superintendents) he has met the challenge of grooming the Wethersfield golf course to the demanding standards that PGA professionals have come to expect on the tour.

1983 was the last year of the Wethersfield-GHO combination as next year the site moves to the Edgewood Golf Club in Cromwell, Connecticut. It is certainly fitting that Fred culminate his association with the GHO by accepting this award.



Fred Bachand poses with the Hitchcock chair that was presented to him for being voted as the 1983 CAGCS Superintendent of the Year.

The PGA tour has also recognized Fred's abilities as he recently was named recipient of the third GCSAA-PGA Tour Citation of Performance award. This award which is presented annually, honors the superintendent who has made a significant contribution to his association with a PGA-Tour tournament. That translates into the best-maintained golf course on the PGA-Tour — quite an honor!

Fred came to Wethersfield in 1965 to work as an assistant to William Dest and was appointed Superintendent in 1969.

A resident of Marlborough, Connecticut, he and his wife, Susan, have two children. Fred is a past secretary of CAGCS.

Fred received his associates degree in turf management in 1965 at the University of Massachusetts. He started in his profession at the New London Country Club, New London, Connecticut, as part of his college program.

Anyone who knows or has been associated with Fred Bachand knows him as a low-key, hard-working and modest individual. In keeping with his character he is quick to diffuse the attention he has received. Fred credits his assistant, Herb Watson, and his crew for much of his success at Wethersfield. And if you were to pin Fred down on which award means the most to him — it would probably be the plaque that was given to him after the final GHO at Wethersfield. It was presented to him by his crew — for being a good boss.

Fred deserves it all. Congratulations to Fred Bachand — the 1983 CAGCS Superintendent of the Year.

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Superintendent's Musical Chairs

Not since the days of new course construction have Golf Course Superintendents changed position in such numbers as they have during the Fall of 1983. As of this writing, Les Kennedy is the new Superintendent at Oaklane Country Club. Bob Johnston has moved to the Wampanoag Country Club from the Hamden Country Club in Massachusetts. Terry Mulligan is the new man at Rolling Hills Country Club in Wilton, CT. Terry moves there from the Pelham Country Club in Pelham, N.Y.

Mark Fuller is leaving the Longshore Club Park in Westport to take over the top job at Quechee Lakes in Vermont. Bob Alonzi moves to the Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck, N.Y. from Fairview Country Club in Greenwich. Pete Howe is the new Superintendent at Mill River in Milford.

Next door in Westchester County, N.Y. Joe Alonzi takes over at the Fenway Golf Club. George Pierpoint moves to the Ardsley Country Club from the Concord and Dave Heroian leaves the Millbrook Club in Greenwich to assume the Superintendent's position at Rockland Country Club.

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So what's keeping you? Join your fellow members in establishing a professional, well-dressed identity by ordering the finely tailored Croston of Boston Sport Coat for yourself. Jacket orders will be taken only twice during 1984. Orders will be taken at the January seminar and again in the Fall.

Remember, the UMASS conference is just around the corner as is the annual President's Seminar of the Connecticut Golf Association, both of which are fine opportunities to illustrate CAGCS's professional image. Don't hesitate — order your jacket at the Winter Seminar. A \$50 deposit toward the total cost of \$93 (jacket & patch) is all that is required for ordering. Don't be left out in the cold as you see your fellow members being complimented. Order yours in January!!

Steve Cadenelli

Conn. P.G.A. hosts to Supts. and Officers

The following is a reprint from the Edgewood Club News (September 1938). Thanks to Peter Pierson for sending it along to Connecticut Clippings.

In the first event of its kind, with the Pros in charge, 75 golfers, including greens keepers, now known as golf superintendents, club greens committee chairmen, put in a busy and enjoyable day and evening here on August 15. In the golf tournament with a Pro, a course Superintendent and a club officer playing together from each club, the honors went to the trio representing the Norwich club with tie for second place between the New Haven Country Club and Tumblebrook. There were several ties for the special prizes. The low scoring honors for the day were also shared, Willie Whalen and Jack Williams, each having a 73.

The dinner in the evening was unquestionably a success, the house staff outdoing themselves to show what they could do for the men who direct the outdoor activities of a club. Joel Smith, president of the Connecticut PGA presided; Ernie Doering distributed the prizes. The State Press was well represented by its sporting editors. A number of guests spoke briefly and had much praise for the Edgewood course. The Edgewood speakers were Harry Emmette, Joe Whitehead, and Ray Coe, who spoke for our club in the absence of President George. It is a distinction to have Edgewood hold this initial affair. Pro Ernie and Superintendent Joe are to be congratulated upon the manner in which the affair was conducted.

Future Happenings

January 4, 1984
CAGCS Winter Seminar
Holiday Inn
Plainville, CT

January 5, 1984
MGCSA Winter Seminar
Fairview Country Club
Greenwich, CT

**January 29 thru
February 4, 1984**
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Stimson to Lead CAGCS in 1983

David Stimson, CGCS, was elected to the Office of President at the November Annual meeting of the Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents. Stimson, a member of CAGCS since 1968, is the Golf Course Superintendent at the Tumblebrook Country Club in West Hartford. He has been actively involved with CAGCS for some time having served as the Secretary/Treasurer for the past eight years.

Others elected to the board include Peter Pierson, Vice-President; Ron Holcomb, Secretary-Treasurer; Greg Wojick, director; Richard Marcks, director; and Eric Johnson, director. Directors who remained on the board include Michael Wallace, CGCS, Immediate Past President; James Medieros, CGCS, Steve DiVito and Ted Maddocks, directors.

Steve Cadenelli



Incoming Board of Directors — Left to Right, Carl Wallace, Armand LeSage, Ron Holcomb, Richard Marcks, Greg Wojick, David Stimson, Steve DiVito, Mike Wallace, Peter Pierson, Jim Medieros, Eric Johnson



Outgoing CAGCS Board of Directors — Left to right, Mike Reeb, Ron Holcomb, Greg Wojick, Richard Marcks, Steve DiVito, Steve Cadenelli, David Stimson, Mike Wallace, Peter Pierson, Jim Medieros

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Winter Seminar to be Held

Wednesday, January 4

An outstanding array of speakers highlighted by Dr. Paul Rieke of Michigan State University will be on hand to address those attending CAGCS's annual Winter Seminar. The 1984 program will mark the fifth year that the Winter Seminar has been in existence. Since its inception, the program has broadened its scope especially in terms of attempting to provide Connecticut Superintendents with viewpoints of individual speakers from other parts of the country. Make plans to attend this affordable and useful seminar program and don't forget to bring along key staff members. Such a program presents an excellent opportunity for educating crew members.

GCSAA Highlights

Pre-registration for GCSAA's yearly Conference and Show has never been better according to those in the know at GCSAA headquarters. The draw of Las Vegas, an excellent array of educational opportunities, and of course, the opportunity to see Bob Hope at the annual Banquet and Show are all factors in the tremendous interest being shown toward the '84 conference. Those interested in the Annual Golf Tournament are sure to be pleased as well, with the fine weather, excellent hospitality, and superb facilities to be offered in Phoenix. Deadlines for registration are fast approaching so don't hesitate in getting necessary paper work in the mail.

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