

# Wintergreen Resort

## **BIGGERS HONORED BY VIRGINIA GOLF SUPERINTENDENTS WITH 2016 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**



**WINTERGREEN, Va. (Jan. 24, 2017)** — Fred Biggers, CGCS, the longtime golf course superintendent at Wintergreen Resort, has been recognized by the Virginia Golf Course Superintendents Association (VGCSA) with its Distinguished Service Award for 2016.

The honor is presented to a member who has given his time unselfishly in promoting golf course management and unification of the VGCSA.

Well respected in the golf industry, Biggers has a wealth of experience collected for nearly 40 years overseeing golf courses at major destination resorts, private clubs, multi-course and public facilities. He blends this body of work into his agronomic management of two golf courses at Wintergreen Resort, where he has overseen agronomics since the spring of 1999.

Biggers has shown a special talent for preparing courses for tournament competition, meeting PGA Tour standards, as well as setting up for major amateur and junior national events throughout the Carolinas. He prepared Stoney Creek for the Canadian Tour's 2003 and 2004 Lewis Chitengwa Memorial Tournament.

A member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) since 1976 and certified in 1986, Biggers has served on the board of the Carolinas Golf Course Superintendents Association, including a term as president in 1991. A member of the Virginia Turfgrass Foundation Board of Directors since 2000, Biggers was elected to a four-year term as president in 2005.

He helped establish the South Carolina Turfgrass Foundation in 1992, an organization that was successful in raising \$915,000 annually, through lobbying the state to fund Turfgrass Research at Clemson University from 1993 thru 2003.

Biggers grew up in Atlanta and graduated from Clemson University (1978) with a degree in Turfgrass Management, minoring in Business Management.

Prior to joining the Wintergreen team in 1999, Biggers worked at Pinehurst Country Club, Alamance Country Club in Burlington, N.C., and Greenville Country Club in Greenville, S.C.

He was selected for *Golfdom Magazine* Superintendent Mentoring Award in 2003, one of four superintendents nationally chosen for their efforts to educate and mentor young golf course superintendents.

Biggers and his wife, Caroline, have two adult children – daughter Claire and son Sam. The family is active in the Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, where Biggers sings in the choir. He also plays French horn in the Stonewall Brigade Band, the oldest community band in the United States (1855).

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**About Wintergreen Resort:** Wintergreen Resort is an 11,000-acre, four-season resort located in the Blue Ridge Mountains southwest of Charlottesville, Va. This beautiful hideaway is the ultimate vacation and conference spot, nearly 230 condominium-style accommodations; 45 holes of championship golf; snow skiing, snowboarding and snow tubing; an award-winning tennis program; a full-service, destination spa; 40,000 square feet of meeting and event space; and savory dining options. The resort is located adjacent to the Blue Ridge Parkway in beautiful central Virginia near Charlottesville, just 90 minutes from Richmond, Va., three hours from Washington, D.C. and Raleigh, N.C., five and a half hours from Philadelphia, and eight hours from Atlanta. For more information, guests can call (434) 325-2200 or visit the resort's web site at [www.wintergreenresort.com](http://www.wintergreenresort.com).

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