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Allan MacCurrach 1939-1997

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Allan MacCurrach passed away on January 14, 1997 while on a business trip for the PGA Tour in Palm Springs, California. Allan had been the senior agronomist for the PGA Tour for more than 22 years and was responsible for the fine golf course conditions that the tour players presently play on throughout the United States and Canada.

Allan was born in Ipswich, Mass., on March 29, 1939 and grew up in Hamilton, Mass. He earned his AS degree in 1962 from Stockbridge School of Agriculture/University of Massachusetts in Amherst after having earned his AB from Burdette College in Boston in 1959.

He started his career as golf course

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superintendent at Valley Country Club in West Warwick, R.I. He then worked as superintendent at Chevy Chase Country Club in Chevy Chase, Md., before joining the PGA Tour as its first agronomist.

Allan was internationally recognized for his expertise in the turf management field. As a member of the GCSAA, he was one of the first in his field to earn the title of Certified Golf Course Superintendent. In 1994 he was honored by the GCSAA as the recipient of their distinguished service award.

Every superintendent who has hosted, is hosting or will host a PGA Tour event in the future will mourn the loss of a friend and champion.

Allan is survived by his wife, Carol; daughter, Jennifer; son, Allan III; and two grandchildren.

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