**In design, blood proves thicker than water**

No hazards when it comes to father-son partnerships

**By MARK LESLIE**

Tim Nugent was born on a golf course construction site. W. Bruce Matthews HI grew up at Grand Haven (Mich.) Golf Course, managed by his father. Carter Morrish has been around the likes of Jack Nicklaus and Tom Weiskopf since he was a toddler. Heck, golf course architect Bob Cupp was his youth football coach. When Trent Puddicombe was born two years ago, his architect dad, Grant, assessed him this way: "Just another little shaper."

This father-and-son golf course design gig can no longer be dismissed as merely anecdotal. It has gone beyond fad to trend. The golfing public generally knows the Joneses (Robert Trent Jr. and sons Rees and Robert Trent Jones Jr.), the Dyes (Pete and Alice and sons Perry and P.B.) and perhaps the Nicklaus (Jack, Jackie and Gary). But, there are more: the Nugents (Dick and Tim), Morrishes (Jay and Carter), Robinsons (Ted and Ted Jr.), Aults (Brian and Eric), Cupps (Bob and Bob Jr.), Davises (Arthur and Lee), Puddicombes (Sid and Grant and Mark), and Mootes (Bob and Dave).

The Puddicombes Five (from left): Mark, Sid (holding grandson Trent), Grant (father of Trent) and Todd. Carton (left) and Jay Mootes. Who’s in charge? Father says, "I’m the boss." But son believes “we’re more partners.”

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**Zontek honored with GCBAA Rossi Award**

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Stan Zontek, for 20 years an agronomist with the U.S. Golf Association (USGA) Green Section and director of its Mid-Atlantic Region, will receive the 1997 Don A. Rossi Humanitarian Award from the Golf Course Builders Association of America (GCBAA).

The GCBAA will present the award at its annual Awards Dinner, Feb. 9, in Las Vegas during the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America’s International Golf Course Conference and Show.

The award “is one of the most pleasant shocks of my life,” Zontek said. “I knew Don Rossi. I knew the kind of individual he was, all the hard work he did for the industry, and to be a recipient of this award sincerely is the highlight of my career. This is no idle comment. It is a fact.”

Added GCBAA President Paul Eldredge

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