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marks as the most common breach of
golf etiquette. Superintendents also blame the
failure to repair ball marks (81 percent) for
causing the most damage to golf
course conditions.

FUN FINDINGS
The survey also revealed a number of
other interesting facts:
• Superintendents rate Jack Nicklaus as
the greatest golfer of all-time. Thirty
three percent rank “The Golden Bear” tops in
the game. Arnold Palmer (11 percent)
and Tiger Woods (8 percent) came in
second and third, respectively.
• Superintendents were asked, if they
could play one round of golf in North
America, where would it be? Augusta Na-
tional Golf Club garnered the most votes
(36 percent), while two Monterey, Calif.
area courses — Pebble Beach Golf Links
(23 percent) and Cypress Point Club (18
percent) rounded out the top three.
• On a question of leadership and execu-
tive privilege, superintendents rated Presi-
dent Kennedy (16 percent) their top choice
among 20th century U.S. presidents to play
a round of golf with. Presidents Eisenhower
(13 percent) and Reagan (12 percent) were
the second and third choices.

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Dubai

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golf," he said.

As for the course itself, the par-3 13th, called "Dubai," has the longest tee and longest green of any golf hole in the world, Muirhead said. There are limitless possibilities for tee and pin positions, ranging from a monstrous 220-yard carry over water to a 50-yard "lollipop" across land. The architect said the hole was designed to symbolize the Emirate of Dubai and its history. True to that history, Muirhead has incorporated a flying fish bunker and a group of date palms that denote the commerce on which the Emirates are founded.

Keeping to his belief that the 18th hole of a golf course should always be a memorable hole, Muirhead designed the final hole at Emirates Hills to offer a myriad of choices by which to approach the par-5. The hole consists of two diagonal peninsulas joined by a narrow neck of land. The golfer can bite off as much as he feels able, said Muirhead, but there will be few who can reach this 600-yard par five in two shots. Usually, a short iron will have to be negotiated from one of two fairways divided by a lake to a green that offers a variety of hazards.

"I believe the 13th and 18th holes are unique in the world of golf," said Muirhead. "I feel the 18th hole on a course should be a fair but also challenging and adaptable."