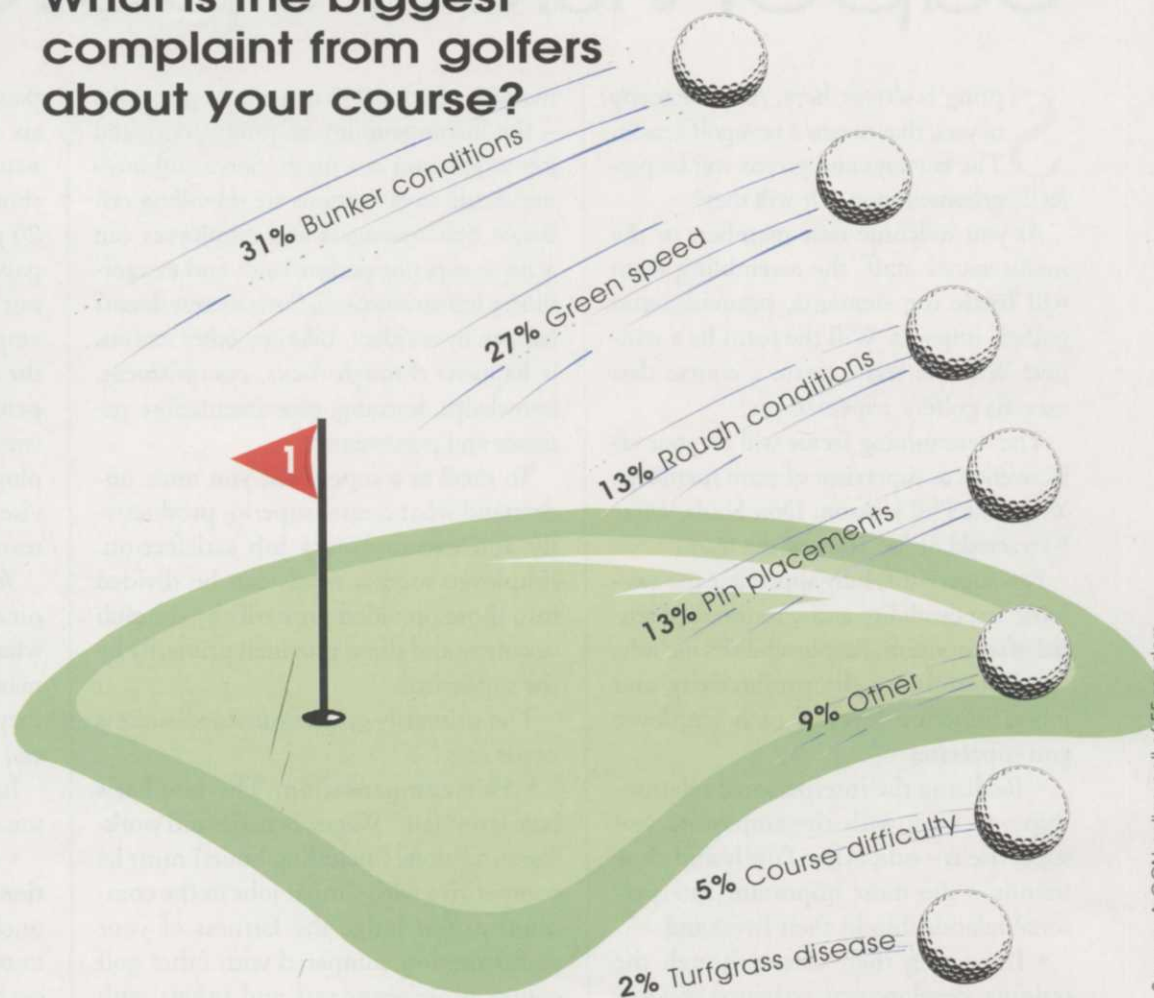


"I realize this is a tough green, but to have 68 putts is beyond belief."

Source: Jerry King

What is the biggest complaint from golfers about your course?



Source: A GCN online poll of 55 readers

BY THE NUMBERS

The number of countries golf is played in the world, according to a presentation by Karl Danneberger of Ohio State and Joe Dipaola of Syngenta **119**

The number of PGA professionals **2,000**

who are advancing their careers through an online business program, according to the PGA

The number of golfers in the world, according to a presentation by Karl Danneberger of Ohio State and Joe Dipaola of Syngenta

56.8 million

30,730

The number of golf courses in the world, according to a presentation by Karl Danneberger of Ohio State and Joe Dipaola of Syngenta

The amount of annual revenue generated by the golf industry in Florida, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics

4.4 billion

7,200 The number of people the golf industry employs in Florida, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics

2,406 The number of municipal golf facilities in the United States, according to NGF

The number of private golf facilities in the United States, according to NGF **4,367**

9,284 The number of daily-fee facilities in the United States, according to NGF

QUOTABLE

"It's the only golf community worldwide with six courses with such high standards. It's great to have this on our resume." — **Bob Steele**, president of SEMA Golf about the Desert Mountain golf facility in Scottsdale, Ariz. SEMA built the sixth and final course, The Outlaw, there.

"Golf course superintendents need to be businessmen, good communicators and people persons. They need to be more than good turf managers." — **Mark Woodward**, former GCSAA president and golf operations manager for the city of San Diego.

"In a society obsessed with speed (i.e., technology, cell phones, Blackberries) it's hard to imagine someone taking four hours to play golf. We need to fit golf into our changing society, and that's a challenge." — **Dan Carrothers**, vice president of Bayer Professional Products.

"Stand-alone golf courses are having a tough time finding funding. Banks are saying there needs to be lot sales to subsidize golf course development." — **Erik Larsen**, Florida-based golf course architect and member of the ASGCA.