And the Beat(ing) Goes On
(Editor's note: The following letters are in response to Geoff Shackelford's May/June Golf By Design column, which was headlined "Dumb and Dumber: Superintendent Style."

Please add Golfdom magazine to the list of publications and television networks that have set the turf management profession back another step or two in the eyes of the public. Geoff Shackelford is right next to Johnny Miller on my list of people who comment about golf course maintenance and should keep their mouths, or word processors, quiet.

I realize the intent of humor in Shackelford's piece, but he really comes off as a know-it-all horse's ass. Then again, the links are full of those types.

Patrick H. Sisk
Superintendent
Connecticut

"The article "Dumb and Dumber, Superintendent Style" made some good points. Too bad the writer used humor that wasn't to try and make these points valid. He also failed to point out that not all superintendents are stupid.

Gary Grigg CSGS, MG
Florida

Siding with Shack

Geoff Shackelford's comments on committees and superintendents are right on in many cases. As always, you can't lump all eggs in the same basket, but so much of what Geoff writes is true. The general golfing public has no clue about many things related to the game, let alone the intricate issues of design, maintenance or club structure. Sometimes you have to just yell loudly: "The emperor has no clothes!"

Keep the controversy coming and I expect your publication will become a joy to read for years to come.

Scot Sherman
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL

I think the superintendents need to have a little more fun. I love my job and found it humorous how some guys are so sensitive to a few tongue-and-cheek comments. Keep up the good work. I love the politically incorrect approach to golf and our business.

Jon L. Cuny
Superintendent
Frankenmuth, MI

Article computes

I would like to commend you on the cybershopping article in your May/June issue. For one, you were able to explain the state of how the golf course industry is embracing (or not embracing, in some cases) the online opportunity. And secondly, you were able to present the companies mentioned in the article, including GolfSolutions.com, in the same light.

With Internet technology that's only going to improve and be part of every industry, you did a good job in informing the golf course professionals of the opportunities that are currently available to them. My wish is that the articles relating to online technology, along with future articles you publish on this subject, educate the industry on what the Internet can do for them.

Also, it's just as important for them to know what it can't do for them.

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