Mona: A Tough Decision
Steve Mona says it's difficult to put into words how tough of a decision it was for him to resign as CEO of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America to accept the newly-created position as CEO of the World Golf Foundation.

"The GCSAA is a wonderful organization and I will miss my direct association with it. The professional members — the superintendents and their assistants — are extremely talented, possess great integrity, are passionately loyal and are tireless in their support of each other. They truly are golf's unseen heroes," Mona said in a statement.

Mona will remain with the GCSAA for up to six more months. He has served as the GCSAA's CEO since 1993.

"We are sad to lose Steve as our leader," said GCSAA President Ricky D. Heine, the certified golf course superintendent and general manager at The Golf Club Star Ranch in Austin, Texas. "He has meant so much to the association. In his nearly 14 years, the association not only developed highly valuable programs and services that benefited not only the members, but the facility, the business and the game as well."

Summer Rounds Rise
Same-store rounds in the United States rose in 2007 vs. 2006 in the important summer months of May, June and July, according to the National Golf Foundation.

Rounds were up 4.1 percent in July nationwide, bringing the year-to-date number to -0.4 percent. Premium and mid-fee public courses moved into positive territory through the first seven months of the year.

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