Answer ‘Yes’ and You’re in Trouble

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HAS YOUR NEW BOSS EVER ASKED WHERE HE COULD BUY HIS OWN STIMPMETER?

retired, B) working from home near the course or, C) in-between jobs? (“Yes” to more than two counts as five.)

Question 8: Does the new chairman speak of his love for Harley Davidson motorcycles only to reveal that he has a bike shipped to Sturgis, S.D., for the annual rally? (If he ships the bike, that counts as six “yes” answers.)

Question 7: Has the new man in charge ever looked at your retro half-and-half fairway cut style and asked why mowers missed part of the hole?

Question 8: Has he ever asked where he could buy, A) his own Stimpmeter or, B) his own TruFirm green firmness measuring device, the relatively new gadget developed by the USGA’s Matt Pringle for use at major championships but not yet available on the market? One “yes” for the Stimpmeter request, four “yeses” if he asks about TruFirm.

Question 9: Does he claim to be a vegetarian out of protest for animal cruelty while wearing alligator-skin Footjoy’s or driving a car with leather seats?

Question 10: Has he ever admitted to reading golf magazine instruction? (Worth one “yes.”) If he’s rumored to have a collection of all of Golf Magazine’s tips filed in orderly fashion, that’s the equivalent of five “yes” replies.

Question 11: Have you ever heard the new honcho reveal the exact number of golf architecture books he owns or has read?

Question 12: Does his spouse, partner, girlfriend, life partner or beloved niece play golf? If so, that’s worth six “yes” answers. If she beats him regularly or has a lower handicap than him, then put down your pen immediately and flee the building.

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