the days that are not high stress times (and be with the family then). In the end, all my kids have done very well and are successful in their own right and you can’t ask for more than that.”

So what has been the key for Stewart’s longevity? When asked, he really didn’t have a definite answer. Certainly working within the TPC Network management system has presented a steady structure on how to accomplish goals. Stewart related he thought he was working for one of the best companies out there. He cautioned that working for a management company is not for everyone. It takes a certain skill set to handle the structure and requirements, but he seems to have adapted well to the business model. As for the job of Superintendent itself?
“Don’t let the job consume you,” he said.

When we were done with our chat I donned my coat and hat, bracing for the mid-afternoon chill as Roger escorted me to the door. I glanced across the room and noticed a very elegant trophy of marble and gold lettering. The GCSAA lettering stood out first followed by 2013 Environmental Stewardship Award.

“Oh wow,” I said. “I completely forgot about your national award last year.”

“Huh? Oh yea, that was quite a surprise,” Stewart said in his unassuming way.

Like Stewart, the trophy and the honor, to be admired and respected but never to be thrust to the forefront or trumpeted in any way. That pretty much sums up the 2014 MGCSA President.

Thank You
Roger Stewart CGCS
for your outstanding support as President of the MGCSA

Applicators License and Use Categories
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Do you have the right licenses to apply pesticides at your golf course?

Use Categories
Since 2002, only licensed pesticide applicators can apply General Use (GU) or Restricted Use Pesticides (RUP) to grounds, water or golf course structures.

Licenses
- Commercial Applicators License: Required for pesticide applicators that charge for their service or are for hire.
- Non-Commercial Applicators License: Required for applicators to apply GU and RUP pesticides on a golf course as part of their job on property owned or contracted by their employer.

Licensees must pass at least two (2) certification exams: Core and one or more other category. Here are the most likely categories for golf courses:

A. Core: Basic principles of pesticide regulation and application; required for all license categories.

E. Turf and Ornamentals: For pesticide application to non-agricultural or ornamental areas including lawns, parks, athletic fields, golf courses, nurseries and greenhouse.

F. Aquatic: For pesticide application to water areas or surface water to control aquatic pest organisms and plants.

P. Vertebrate Pest Control: For pesticide applications to control vertebrate pests. Examples include the liquid fence, dried pigs blood, geese, rabbit, or deer repellants; in addition to underground animals like gopher and mole. This license does not include traps, unless poison bait is used in the trap.

In some cases golf courses may need to be licensed in other categories.

License Categories
http://www.mda.state.mn.us/licensing/licensetypes/pesticideapplicator/catdefinitions.aspx

Financial Penalties
Due to potential human and environmental risks from lack of proper applicator license and use categories, be advised that documented non-compliance will result in a Notice of Violation ORDER and may include additional enforcement or financial penalties.

Statutory authority
Follow the link below to read Minnesota Statute 18B. 345 Pesticide application on Golf Courses.
https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/statutes/?id=18B.345