



Editor's Ramblings

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Yep, that really is a dog on the cover of *TTG*. Yeah, we really did that. It actually turned out to be an interesting social experiment as to how Pirate came to the cover of *TTG*. Since most requests, or pleas really, for photos of many golf courses go unanswered, I decided to try something different, if unoriginal. Like the golf course dog calendars we all see and get, I copied the idea for our cover. And just as Turfnet and Lebanon get more requests than they can print, so did we. You'll most likely see more dogs in future issues. I guess that's where our hearts lie. I'm cool with that. I love dogs too. Even more, the dogs we have are indicators of who we really are and we will all get glimpses of a different side to people we have known for years.

Ken, who is always willing to go the extra mile when it comes to *TTG*, gave us the pooch premier for the cover and a great bio.

Perhaps we are more proud of our dogs than we are of our turf. On any given day they might be more rewarding. It's a tough industry right now and this has always been a tough profession. On the bright side, how many jobs avail themselves to the special bond shared between humans and dogs?

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