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Royal Honour for Local Course Superintendent

Golf Course Superintendent, ROBERT MAIBUSCH, of Clarendon Hills, has just returned from Harrogate in Yorkshire, England where he received the top award of his profession from His Royal Highness, Prince Andrew, Duke of York.

Robert, 35, Course Superintendent of Hinsdale Golf Club, is one of only two US recipients of the British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association's Master Greenkeeper Certificate. This he achieved by academic courses, experience, a written examination and independent assessment of the golf course. Only three other greenkeepers, all from Britain, have qualified to date.

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Robert, 35, has a BS in Turfgrass Management from Michigan State University, is on the National Committee of Certification Appeals for the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. At Hinsdale, one of the oldest clubs in Illinois, he has 18 staff in season "the best staff I've ever worked with" and his members are "very appreciative of what we do" and are "wonderful people to work for".

Robert and his wife, Cheryl met the Prince informally at a reception after the award ceremony. They found him genuinely interested and friendly. They also met Viscount William Whitelaw, President of the Greenkeepers Association and the former Deputy Prime Minister under Margaret Thatcher.

The Prince told the greenkeepers in his opening speech that "we golfers" should realize that: "It is only possible to play this Royal and Ancient game because of all the hard work, commitment, patience, care, and above all because of the pride" that they take in their profession.

Robert and Cheryl Maibusch have two young children, Alexandra, four and a half and Kieron, aged three.

What an Honour ...

Being the Editor, I took the liberty to run the above press release describing the "honour" bestowed upon our own Bob Maibusch by the British & International Golf Greenkeepers Association.

I interviewed Bob over the phone about his certification and the trip to England. But I must spend some time with him at a pub and discuss this over a pint of dark bitters someday soon.

Two years ago at the GCSAA convention in Las Vegas, Bob saw the British Greenkeepers booth and stopped to chat. At that

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Master Greenkeeper Certificate recipients, left to right: Gordon Irvine, Mill Ride G.C., North Ascot, England; William Montague, Oakwood C.C., Cleveland, Ohio; Robert Maibusch, Hinsdale G.C., Hinsdale, IL; and Kerran Daly, Salisbury & South Wilts G.C., Wiltshire, England.

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("What an Honour" continued)

time, he picked up information on their association. He soon discovered that they also had a certification program that was just starting. Consequently, he inquired and was sent information on how to become certified. They have three stages one needs to pass to become a "Master Greenkeeper".

The first stage you are given points for your education, experience and seminars that you have attended. The second stage your golf course has to be inspected by members of the British & International Golf Greenkeepers Association. In Bob's case they asked for a list of six certified GCSAA members of which they picked one of the six to do the on-site inspection of the golf course. There was an extensive list of items that were checked and answered. Up to this part, Bob was doing okay and had passed both stages.

The third part of certification requirements meant taking a 6 hour test. Closed book. Bob wrote and asked for study materials for this test and was sent back a list of 50 text books from which to study!



Robert Maibusch receiving the "Master Greenkeeper Certificate" from His Royal Highness, Prince Andrew, Duke of York, Harrogate; in Yorkshire, England.

The exam is given only on May 6 of each year and at a central location in England. This test made up of two parts is composed by a panel of college professors in Great Britain and is changed each year. The first part of the test contained five questions, all essay type dealing mostly with theory. An example: Describe how to construct a USGA green. The second part of the exam was one question (worth 50% of exam). The question was: Given 2 years to prepare for a national links tournament that would be televised world-wide, how would you begin to prepare for, during, and after the tournament? Bob was permitted to take this exam by being monitored by a CGCS: Len Berg.

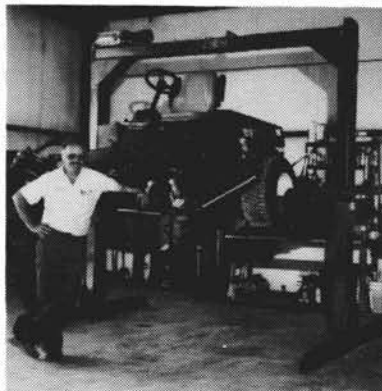
In June Bob was notified that he had passed. He was only the second U.S. superintendent (Bill Montague, of Oakland C.C. in Cleveland also passed at this time) to hold this honour. There was only one greenkeeper in England the previous year who passed the certification and only two others had passed the test along with Bob this year. At the present, there are only five "Master Greenkeepers."

A very nice gesture, through the working of Bob's green-chairman, was that certain members of Hinsdale Golf Club collected funds to allow Bob and his wife Cheryl to make the trip to England. This enabled Bob to be presented the award in person by His Royal Highness, Prince Andrew, Duke of York.

Bob was also given a royal tour of the St. Andrews golf courses by Walter Wood, a very capable greenskeeper of world renown. Bob came away very impressed.

Congratulations — Bob Maibusch, Master Greenskeeper.

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