



Show or Tell: What My Dad Does at the Golf Course Each Day

Their words amuse us, touch us, astonish us. They are our kids, and their point-of-view is often priceless.

In anticipation of Father's Day, we are asking the children of MAGCS superintendents and assistant superintendents to weigh in on what dad is *really* doing at the golf course all day. Kids, this is your chance to tell *On Course* "what my dad does at work." Those who are old enough to read and write, please send us a couple paragraphs or just a few sentences on what your dad's job is all about. For children who are too young to write, we strongly encourage parents to take dictation and jot down their thoughts. We'd also love to receive any artwork or photos, so kids, if you have a photo of dad at work, or you'd like to draw a picture showing dad on the job, please send it in!

We will try to publish ALL submissions in our June issue, and I expect some enlightening feedback from the children of MAGCS. I myself grew up the daughter of a golf course superintendent and remember thinking that my dad (longtime MAGCS member Tim Miles) had an enviable job. In the summer, he was lucky to spend a lot of time outdoors riding around on a cart and playing with water (manually changing the sprinklers on balmy evenings). He had frequent opportunities to play golf and taught all of us kids the game, albeit with mixed success. And, he had a running tab in food & beverage, which meant he could grab a candy bar anytime he wanted! This position had its privileges.

Now, as a parent, I laugh with my husband—a high school English teacher and varsity basketball coach—about how our son, Ryan, views his dad's job. As a two-year-old, Ryan believed Daddy was at school con-

ducting circle time and singing "The Hello Song" with his 16-year-old students. This, of course, was what Ryan's adored Miss Michelle did with him and his preschool peers in "Wiggle Jiggle & Sing" class. More recently, Ryan—who is now six—was under the impression that Dad was running drills or playing games with the basketball team all day.

Let's delight our MAGCS dads with a very special Father's Day tribute!



ATTENTION MAGCS OFFSPRING!

Tell us (with words) or show us (with artwork or photos) what dad's job is all about.

E-mail your responses to on_course@hotmail.com or snail-mail material to Cathy Ralston at 68 S. Waterford Dr., Round Lake, IL 60073.

We must receive your submissions by **April 25, 2004.**

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