

sixties and he decided to look at doing more consulting and less hands-on golf-course maintenance.

Vero Beach CC requested his services, and again he worked with the club until a superintendent could be found. "I told them they needed time and a young man to bring their course around," Yurigan says. "I established the maintenance program for them, and was able to increase the budget and bring in new machinery to get the course in better shape. Now Roger Welker is in charge of the course and it is in better condition than when I first saw it."

Yurigan says he has been involved with the PGA of America and the GCSAA for more than 20 years. There have been many changes to the industry in his long career.

"Although I never went for my certification as a golf course superintendent — I was too old, I felt — I've told all the young men who worked with me that certification would get them in the door. There are a lot of fine superintendents who don't have certification and are very qualified, but I

think it's a different game now and it's much harder on superintendents than it was when I was younger.

"Members expect you to maintain the course like you do when you have a tournament. You have to work with a lot of different professionals — architects, managers, consultants — and still remind them that you are a professional who knows the course and who is the one that is ultimately responsible for the condition of that course. You need larger budgets and more people to maintain a course and all the equipment in good condition.

"I think that more than anything, a golf course superintendent needs to be truthful with people," Yurigan says. "You have to realize that sometimes it will be difficult and you'll have to fight to get things done right. But if you are good, you don't have to worry about getting another job. When golf course superintendents take a stand on the creation and maintenance of a course and stop worrying about someone else taking their job, they'll be better off." 🦅

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