

Golf Course News' first survey of the

We invite you to participate in the *Golf Course News* Superintendents' Survey with the opportunity to win a Maine Lobster Dinner for Two.

To be as comprehensive as possible we need your support. The survey is strictly confidential. We don't even ask your name. However, if you wish to enter the drawing for the lobster dinner, include your business card or print your name above the first question.

Please fill out this questionnaire as accurately and completely as possible and return to *Golf Course News*, P.O. Box 997, Yarmouth, Maine 04096.

Watch for the results of the survey in an upcoming issue. Thank you for your assistance.

insurance (family included. Yes ___ No ___)

f. disability insurance

g. 401K or other pension plan

h. profit sharing

i. vacation time (no. of weeks) _____

j. sick time (no. of days) _____

k. paid holidays (how many) _____

l. paid conference and

education expenses

m. other (please specify) _____

15. Any benefits not mentioned you would like to get? List them: _____

16. No. of employees you supervise during golf season _____

17. No. of year-round employees _____

18. Do you have an assistant (head supers only). Yes ___ No ___

19. Average hours you work in a week during peak season _____ off-season _____

20. Percentage of your time spent on (must total 100 percent):

a. on-course supervision _____%

b. on-course maintenance _____%

c. administrative matters _____%

d. meetings _____%

e. other (please specify) _____

21. Do you have any non-golf course duties (please specify) _____

1. Are you a Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent? (Circle one.)

2. Name and location of course _____

3. No. of holes _____

4. Type of course ... Private ___ Daily Fee ___ Municipal ___

5. No. of rounds played yearly on your course _____

6. Length of season _____

7. Yearly salary _____

8. Bonus _____

9. Bonus as a percentage of salary _____

10. How much has your salary risen during the past year _____%

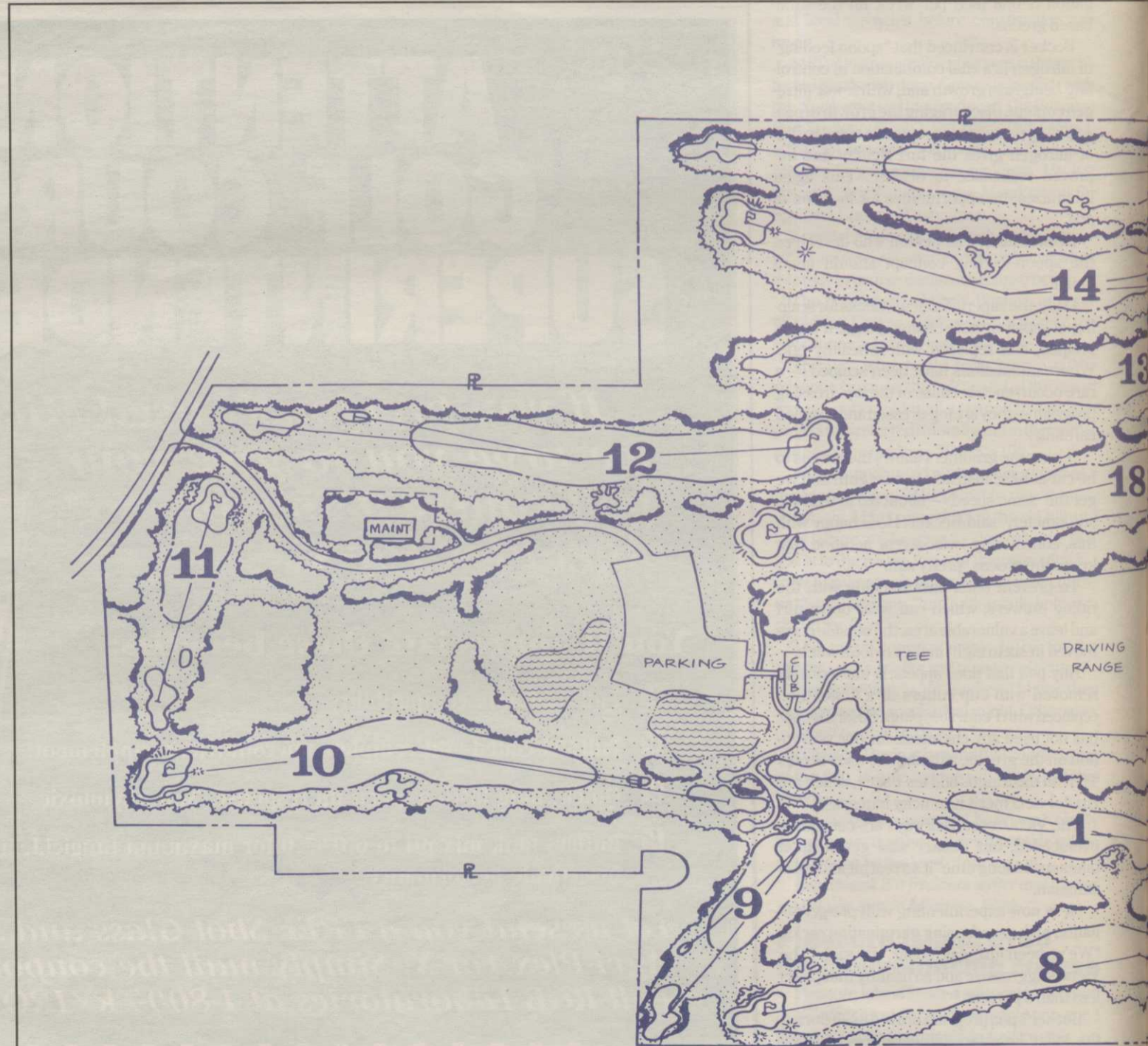
11. How much more (or less) was this year's bonus than last year's _____%

12. Do you have a contract. Yes ___ No ___

13. How many years does your contract run _____

14. Do you receive any of the following benefits? Circle all that apply:

- a. company car
- b. car allowance
- c. life insurance (family included. Yes ___ No ___)
- d. health insurance (family included. ... Yes ___ No ___)
- e. dental



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22. How many years in present position _____

23. How many years at this course _____

24. How many years in this occupation _____

25. How many different courses have you worked at as head or assistant superintendent _____

26. Do you plan to be at this course two years from now Yes _____ No _____

If not, why (Circle all that apply):

a. career shift

b. professional advancement

c. financial reasons

d. other (please specify) _____

27. How would you rate

your satisfaction with your job. (Circle one):

a. very satisfied

b. satisfied

c. dissatisfied

28. Would you recommend this career to your son or daughter. Yes _____ No _____

29. What is your age _____

30. Gender Male _____ Female _____

31. Are you married... Yes _____ No _____

32. Have you ever been divorced. Yes _____ No _____

33. How close do you live to your course _____

34. The degrees you have earned (Circle those that apply)

a. high school diploma

b. associate degree (specify) _____

c. bachelor degree (specify) _____

d. masters degree (specify) _____

e. other (specify) _____

35. Total annual maintenance budget (circle one):

a. under \$50,000

b. \$50,000-\$99,999

c. \$100,000-\$249,999

d. \$250,000-\$499,999

e. \$500,000-\$749,999

f. \$750,000-\$1,000,000

g. over \$1,000,000

36. Annual amount spent on equipment maintenance and repair _____

37. Annual amount spent on irrigation maintenance and repair _____



38. Annual amount spent on pesticides and fertilizers _____

39. Total capital expenditure budget (circle one):

a. under \$100,000

b. \$100,000-\$249,999

c. \$250,000-\$499,999

d. over \$500,000

40. Do you tend to buy equipment from one company. Yes _____ No _____

41. What is the most enjoyable part of your job _____

42. What is the least enjoyable part of your job _____

43. What is the biggest challenge facing your profession in the coming decade _____

44. In what ways do you see your job changing over the next decade _____

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