

# Super's construction responsibilities specific but varied

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The responsibilities of a golf course superintendent during course construction are many and varied. Here are the most crucial:

1. Communications: Act as a liaison and owner's representative between the course architect, builder, sub-contractors and the owner/developer on the construction site.

2. Specifications: Work with the course architect in preparing construction specifications, with the owner's best interests,

objectives and budget constraints in mind.

3. Irrigation: Work with the irrigation system designer in developing the sprinkler system with the owner's and architect's best interests and budget in mind.

4. Budgets: Prepare the following budgets for the owner:

- a. Grow-in maintenance budget.
- b. Post grow-in maintenance budget.
- c. Capital golf course maintenance equipment budget.
- d. Capital golf course

maintenance building structure and contents budget.

e. Capital golf course accessories budget.

5. Design: Work with the owner's building architect to develop the floor plans and objectives for:

- a. The golf course maintenance building, soil storage and irrigation pumphouse.
- b. A rain shelter and rest rooms on course.
- c. A snack bar and halfway house on course.

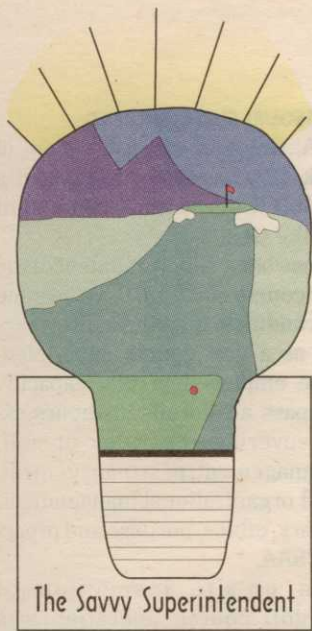
6. Photographs: Take photographs of all irrigation drainage work, and initial golf course construction as a permanent file for the owner.

7. As-builts: Help the golf course contractor and sub-contractors prepare permanent as-built blueprints of all construction activity, such as irrigation, drainage, underground utility lines, utility conduits, and anything else buried on site.

8. Environment: Coordinate environmental impact studies.

9. Helping hand: Assist the total effort by: locating local sod sources, building a permanent putting green for the marketing department, testing the sand-soil mix for the greens, obtaining bids by contractors, making final selection of a contractor, scheduling construction, installing electricity for the irrigation pumphouse as soon as possible, hiring a staff and growing in the course as soon as possible.

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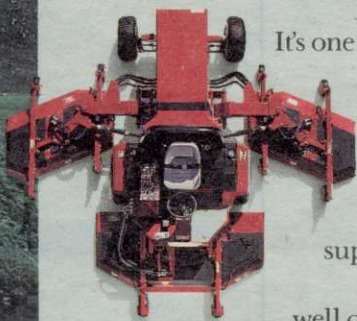
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## Hagy joins Diamond Run

PITTSBURGH — Richard A. Hagy has been appointed superintendent at Diamond Run Golf Club.

Hagy began his career in golf course maintenance at the famed Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga., home of the Masters. Following his seven-year stint at Augusta, Hagy accepted the position of assistant golf course superintendent at Woodcrest Country Club in Cherry Hill, N.J. in 1988. He then accepted a similar position at The Club at Nevillewood, in suburban Pittsburgh, in 1991.

## Longer seasons

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President Mark Snyder, of Salishan Lodge Golf Links in Glenden Beach, Ore., said: "It is safe to say, the Northwest reflects many other areas of the country in terms of increased play. Typically, it is very weather-related. If the weather's nice, the parking lot is full. If not, it's empty."

### CONTRAST AND COMPARE

Yet, if superintendents want to debate closing their courses, they might present evidence from one New Jersey municipal facility.

Snow said this 36-hole facility had severe goosegrass problems in the summertime and decided to close one 18-hole course during the winters. "The difference between the greens was unbelievable," he said. "The goosegrass almost went away on the one course, while the other continued to have severe goosegrass problems. It dramatically illustrated the effects of thinning on the turf."