

Doral loses McHugh to Boca Raton club; Cooks moves on

BOCA RATON, Fla. — **Pat McHugh** has left Doral Golf Resort and Spa in Miami to join The Polo Club of Boca Raton here. The Michigan State University graduate, who has 20 years of experience, will undertake renovations at The Polo Club, just as he had at Doral. He said he expects to renovate 18 of the club's 36 holes next year. Absorbing nearly six feet of rain just during the summer didn't help any of the Florida clubs.

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LIVERMORE, Calif. — **Todd Cook**, who supervised and scheduled golf course maintenance at The Olympic Club's Ocean and Lake courses, has joined Poppy Ridge, the Northern California Golf Association's new Rees Jones-designed facility.

Cook, who was involved in construction and grow-in of the Executive Course at The Olympic Club, is working on grow-in at



Poppy Ridge, which was grassed this fall and will open in the fall of 1996.

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SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — **David Dube**, formerly at Caesar Park Beach & Golf Resort in Cancun, Mexico, has been named superintendent for The Golf Club at Eagle Mountain, currently under development in Fountain Hills by Denro of Phoenix, Arizona. Prior to join-

ing Caesar Park, Dube was the assistant superintendent at Troon Golf and Country Club in Scottsdale and foreman for Desert Mountain's Renegade course in Scottsdale.

A native of Maine, Dube has been involved in the golf industry since 1988 and earned his degree in turfgrass management in 1992 from the University of Massachusetts. The Golf Club at Eagle Mountain is scheduled to open to the public in December.

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Lloyd aquifers. Historically, the importance of ground water had gone unrecognized. The Upper Glacial aquifer, which had previously supplied Brooklyn and Queens, was contaminated to a non-potable state earlier this century.

Yet, "Toxic Fairways" was laced with minor factual errors throughout, which may have had a subsequent impact on the readers' perception of risk and danger. Most notably, in discussing the immediate health concerns of pesticide exposure, the publication recalled the 1982 death of Lt. George Pryor, who died two weeks after playing the Army and Navy Country Club in Arlington, Va. His physician, a forensic pathologist, stated that Pryor reportedly suffered from a severe reaction to chlorothalonil (Daconil 2787), which was applied weekly. It is interesting to note that three years prior to "Toxic Fairways" publication, Diamond Shamrock was legally cleared of any liability when it had been determined that Pryor's death was due to Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis, which was caused by a viral infection.

In any event, it is vital for the golf course superintendent to focus on "hot" environmental topics, both on the national and local levels. Perhaps it would do us good to mentally reword the saying, "If it looks like a duck, walks like a duck..." The green industry needs to be both understanding and respectful of how the general public feels about the environment.

The scope and impact of environmental issues are perhaps felt more strongly by the green industry than any other group. Like farmers and other land managers, golf course superintendents are responsible for maintaining relatively large tracts of land. Today's superintendent must be prepared to make responsible decisions, aimed at providing a balance between achieving the best possible playing conditions, while adhering to federal, state and local regulations, as well as respecting the ecology of his or her golf course. Despite the best intentions, it can often be a complicated process.

As superintendents, we have the responsibility to conscientiously maintain that land by using our experience and education. We need to follow regulations and work safely within the environment's parameters. To do so will allow maximum enjoyment of the environment in the present, and guarantee the same for the generations to come.

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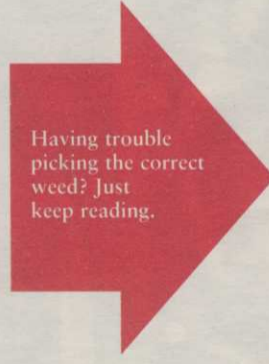
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