

## Paula Eger

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The university didn't offer a formal training program, so she took all the agronomy and landscape architecture offerings available as well as a summer internship at Tucson Country Club with superintendent Art Snyder.

She worked briefly for architect Joe Finger after graduation, but the mid-1970s economic downturn ended that association after six months. Eger contacted numerous architects before Robert von Hagge met her while building Walden on Lake Conroe near Houston.

"He was in the process of moving his office and convinced the superintendent to take me on as a laborer until he got settled in his new office," Eger recalled. "They were putting the final touches on shaping the course and were just starting the grow-in. When the course opened, they offered to make me assistant superintendent. I loved working outdoors so I accepted.

"I didn't think I'd be there very long, but 7 1/2 years later I was still with the same company and developers. I eventually became the construction superintendent when they started Walden on Lake Houston and stayed there until just before it opened."

Eger enjoyed her work as a superintendent, but found her talents best suited to construction and grow in. She accepted a six-month position overseeing the grow-in of an Australian golf course before returning to the United States, where she met up with Jim Hardy (her boss at Golf Services Group) and Gary Grigg (past GCSAA president).

She joined them at Kindred & Co., a Houston-based development and management firm, in 1985. Hardy was Kindred's vice president of development and Grigg the turf specialist. Eger traveled extensively, helping build and grow in a half dozen courses, including The Resort at Gold Canyon in Apache Junction, Ariz.; Tampa Palms G&CC in Tampa, Fla.; Hallbrook CC in Leawood, Kan.; and Bay Oaks CC in Houston.

Hardy founded Golf Services in the late 1980s and recruited Eger while building the Hardy/Peter Jacobsen-designed Creekside in Salem, Ore., in 1992. Her position allows her to bring her assorted talents into play as a landscape architect, course superintendent, construction superintendent and course designer. She also serves as a design associate with Jacobsen/Hardy Design Co.,

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"I help select the superintendents at our courses and work with them on a regular basis," she said. "My job is to encourage and support them, help them advance their professional education, provide advice on how to deal with guests, members, the pro shop staff, budgets, etc."

And she remains very

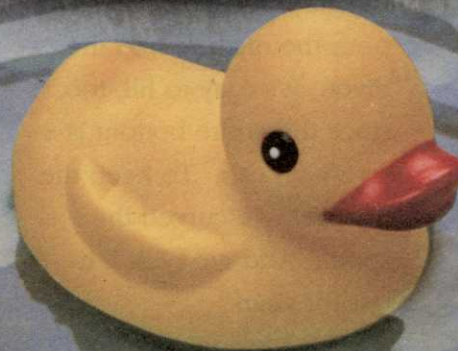
involved in the design area, her original passion. Among the various projects in the Golf Services' portfolio are the four, Jack Nicklaus-designed Tennessee state park courses, which will open over the next two years.

"I've been very involved with that and will stay with them through grassing, opening and daily maintenance," she said.

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