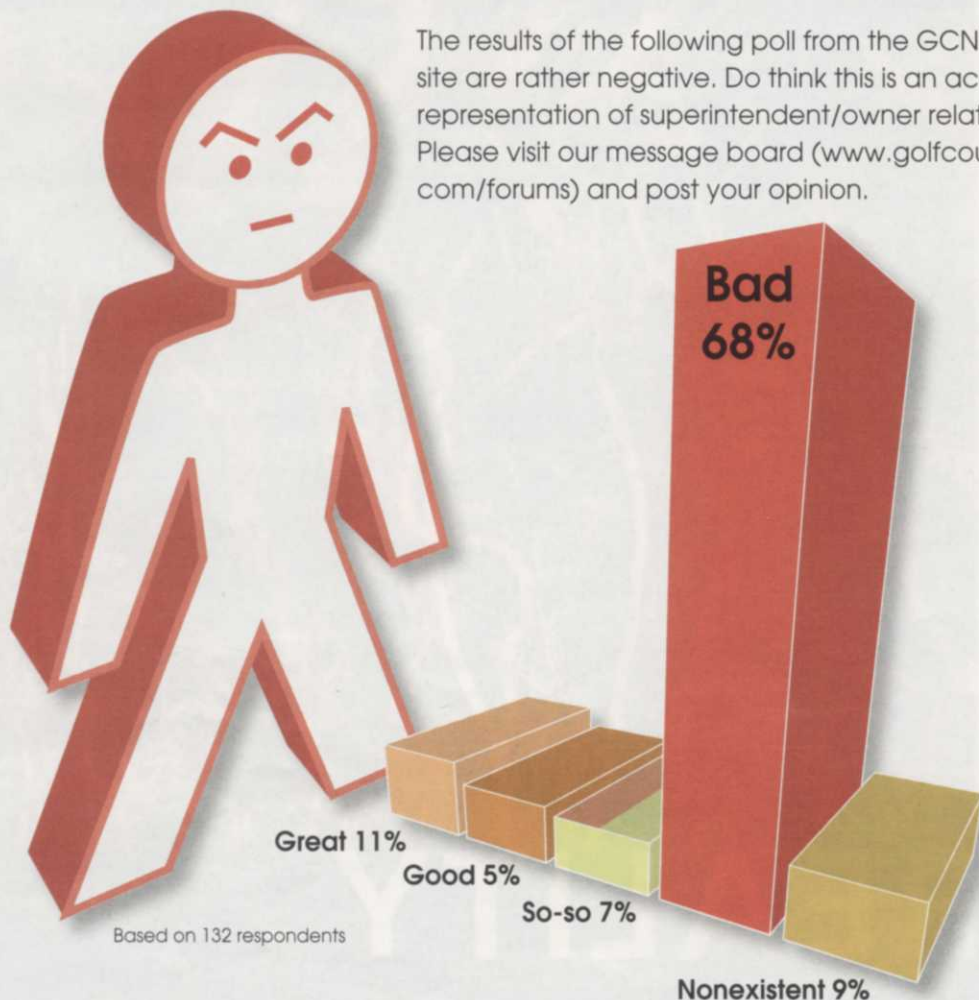


What is your relationship like with the owner of the course you are in charge of maintaining?

The results of the following poll from the GCN Web site are rather negative. Do think this is an accurate representation of superintendent/owner relationships? Please visit our message board (www.golfcoursenews.com/forums) and post your opinion.



BY THE NUMBERS

1,700 The number of people from all facets of the green industry who attended the Reinders show in Wisconsin in March

The 17th hole on the Stadium Course of the Tournament Players Club at Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., is popular. One can buy its image on towels (\$22), tote bags (\$24), tall insulated glasses (\$17) or short ones (\$11), 16-ounce Tervis tumblers (\$16.50), ball markers (\$22 in a boxed set of three plus a divot repair tool), divot repair tool alone (\$12), bag tags (\$15), the sales tags of umbrellas (\$31.50), T-shirts (\$18 kids, \$25 adults), posters (\$22), marble coasters (\$50 for a set of four with stand), lap robes (\$55), limited edition photos by James Quonze Jr. (\$149.99-\$499.99) and official programs (\$5).

The median green fee in **\$40** Florida, according to the National Golf Foundation

2,300 The number of donuts that were eaten at the Reinders show, which has been a tradition since the first show in 1973.

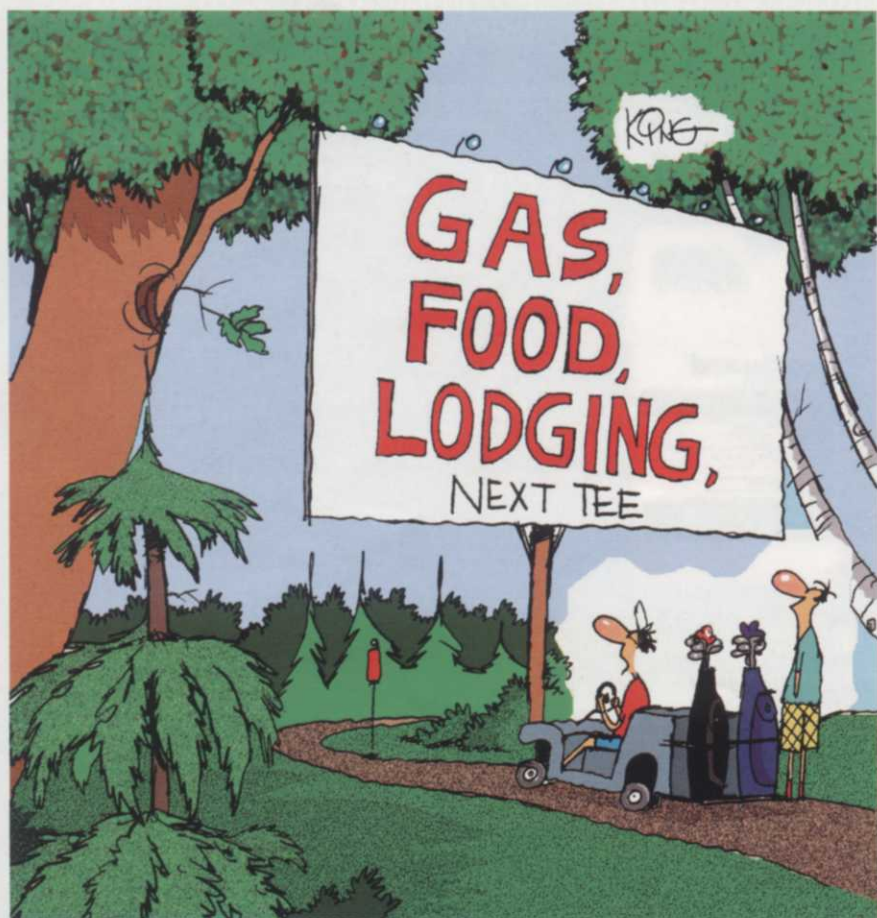
The number of new 9- and 18-hole golf courses that opened in California in 2004, according to NGF

62.5

The number of golf courses that closed during 2004, according to NGF

12,023 The number of households per 18-hole equivalent golf courses in Maine, according to NGF

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Source: Jerry King

"This has to be the longest course I've ever played!"

QUOTABLE

"I have the highest admiration for the group (of superintendents) growing grass in St. Louis. The saying goes, 'You can go from St. Louis to anywhere and be successful.'" - **Tony Mancuso**, CGCS, director of golf course operations at Cherokee Town & Country Club in Atlanta, and former superintendent at Bellerive Country Club in St. Louis

"Routing a course is like cutting a diamond, you only have one chance to do it perfectly." - **Joe Salemi**, owner, designer and builder of Boulder Creek Golf Club in Streetsboro, Ohio

"I like to do more than daily maintenance. I always want to improve a course. Some of these courses (in South Dakota) aren't the most desirable, but they need improvement and can boost my resume." - **Bryan Tipton**, certified golf course superintendent at Eagle Ridge Golf Club in Williston, N.D.

"We like to consider ourselves a cut above everybody else, but that's just our opinion. We feel that way because we are often out in front doing things that others aren't doing." - **Tom Watschke**, professor of turfgrass science at Penn State University, about the university's turfgrass program