

"Superintendents should play golf at other people's courses and look at someone else's problems. Superintendents always look for the worst on their course and never look for the good. If you play your own course, it will stress you out even more."

- **Riley Stottern**, CGCS, vice president of agronomy at SunRiver Saint George (Utah) Golf Club and partner with Resort Golf Management

"Don't think if you work 93 hours a week, the members will appreciate it because they don't know. They just know about the end product. Hard work pays off, but there's a limit. Work smarter not harder."

- **Don Hearn**, CGCS, at Vesper Country Club in Tyngsboro, Mass.

"The bomb squad came out and shut the project down for a half day. It was an area of concern, so the bomb squad told us what to look for. They took the mortars, hauled them off and blew them up."

- **Drew Sellenriek**, president of Sellenriek Grading Co., about finding World War I artillery while renovating Forest Park Golf Course in St. Louis

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## BY THE NUMBERS

**98** The number of closings (18-hole equivalents) in 2005, according to NGF

**124.5** The number of openings (18-hole equivalents) in 2005, according to NGF

**13** The average number of years GCN subscribers have been in their current position, according to the 2005 GCN subscriber profile survey of 504 respondents

**51** The percentage of 400 golf business executives who say the economic conditions in the golf industry will be the same in 2006 as they were in 2005, according to NGF

**78** The percentage of 400 golf business executives who say competition from other courses or clubs is the biggest challenge for a golf facility

**32,144**

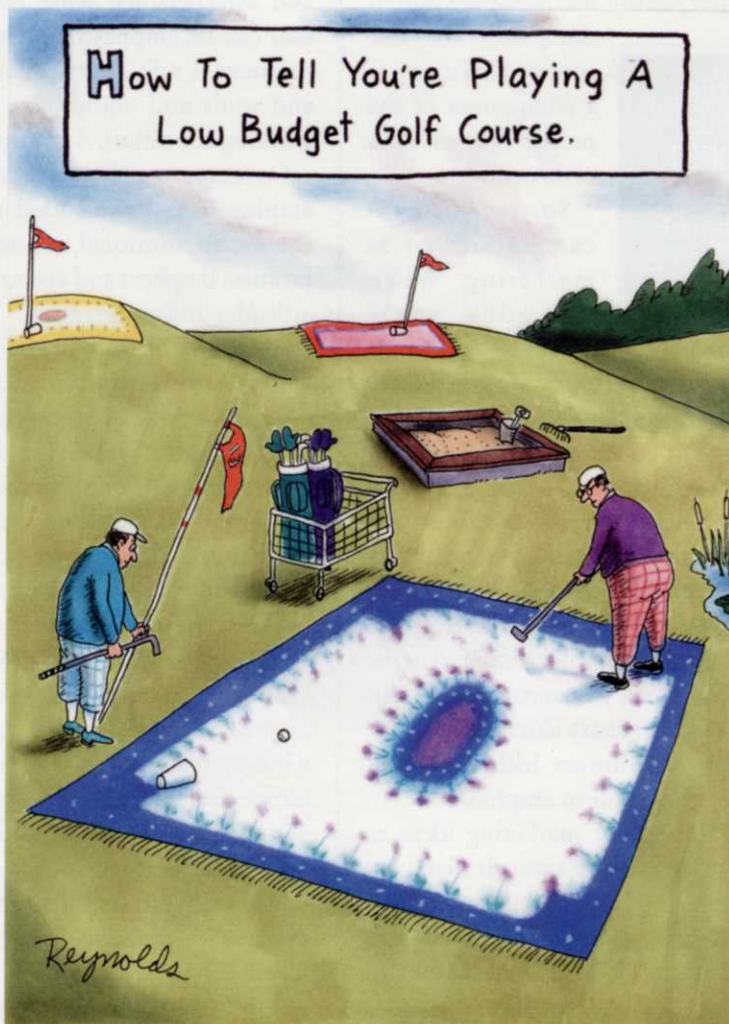
The projected average number of rounds per course in 2005, according to the 2005 GCN subscriber profile survey of 504 respondents

**266** The number of new golf courses under construction as of Jan. 5, according to NGF

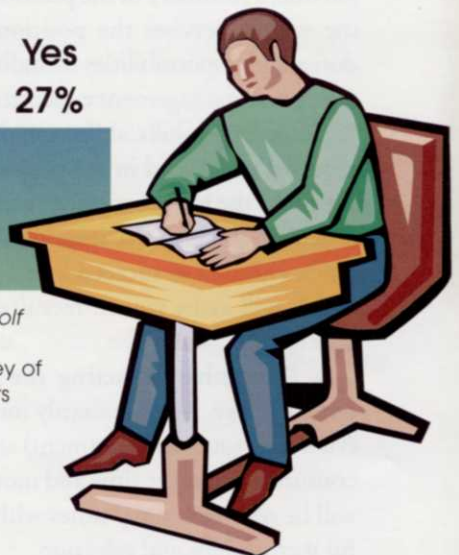
**122** The number of golf course additions under construction as of Jan. 5, according to NGF

**\$427,500** The average superintendent's maintenance budget, according to the 2005 GCN subscriber profile survey of 504 respondents

**6,911** The average yardage of an 18-hole golf course, according to the 2005 GCN subscriber profile survey of 504 respondents



**No 73%** If you are a golf course superintendent, are you certified?



**Yes 27%**

Source: 2005 Golf Course News subscriber survey of 504 respondents