

I note that you sign your name as the president of The Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England. I hope that this was an error on your part and that your letter expressed your opinion as an individual and not as spokesman for my many friends in your area who accepted my article as it was written—some candid remarks with the best interests of all golf course superintendents in mind.

*Bill Smart
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Another Rebuttal

Dear Sir:

In rebuttal to "An open letter to a superintendent" by the gentleman from New England in the June issue;

It is evident that the president from New England has not been in the Middle-West or West, and has not had the misfortune to contend with a pro who had just completed his apprentice training—at a PGA school where turf management is taught. Neither has he had the opportunity of working with a manager or city manager who are experts in all fields, or greens chairmen who have nothing to do but to make a superintendent's job miserable. (Keep in mind that the superintendent is well qualified.) Also, they do not recognize the title of superintendent, but insist on calling you a greenskeeper. And if you don't hold yourself in abeyance and anonymity, you won't have a job a week.

To quote a statement by Mr. Caranci; "In this day and age, the golf course superintendent is sick and tired of hearing about the pitfalls of his profession." (I just wonder who creates these pitfalls). I'm inclined to believe that the president from New England has undoubtedly very pleasant surroundings. But, if he were to spend one week in our area, he would be in sympathy with "Anonymous." And he would also become anonymous—a necessity to the retention of a career in the golf business.

I can offer you all the proof you desire. I, too, am a president of a local, and have been actively engaged for over a score of years in this confused profession. And it's getting more complex day by day. I envy you and your area. I would gladly pack up and move to an area where there is freedom for a man to let others know of his beliefs and ideas without danger of repression or the necessity of becoming anonymous.

*Ray Hall, President
Minnesota Golf Course
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