

Off The Fringe

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turned into an upscale shopping mall.

Walter and his two brothers own the golf course, but there is little interest by the extended family, including Heather's sister and cousins, to continue operating the business, he said.

Garvin graduated from the University of Denver with a degree in psychology. Following her senior year in college, she spent her stint on the grounds crew. Although she had worked on the golf course nearly her whole life, it had been inside the pro shop.

"It was really enjoyable. I didn't realize there was that much science," she said of her stint outside.

Following college Garvin fulfilled a dream and moved to Bermuda. The only work she could find was in an office and after a month she realized the life was not for her and returned to golf course grounds crew. The following off-season, she attended her first turf classes

as part of the University of Massachusetts winter school. She continued her education through the state, regional and national associations.

Since joining the CAGCS, Garvin has been active within the organization. In 1993, she was appointed to the CAGCS Board of Directors. She continues to be re-elected.

Garvin also excels in golf, sporting a single-digit handicap. She has also donated her time in teaching the game.

With all her ties to golf, another job in the business seems the logical choice. But Garvin is unsure what her next step will be after cleaning out the pro shop and helping her parents move out of the house just off the first tee that contains a golf course's lifetime of memorabilia.

"We'll see what happens," she said. "I'm not going to rush into anything."

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D'Avino Named Group Publisher

Tony D'Avino is the new group publisher of *Golfdom* magazine and three other magazines at Advanstar Communications, including *Landscape Management*, *Pest Control* and *Landscape Design/Build*. D'Avino comes to Ad-



vanstar from Penton Media, where he served as a group publisher. He replaces John Payne, who was group publisher from 1995 until early 2003.

"We're extremely fortunate to have Tony joining our team," said Alex DeBarr, Advanstar executive vice president. "We'd also like to wish John Payne the best in his next endeavor."

D'Avino said he's excited to take on the new role. "This is a great chance to work with the most-respected and fastest-growing group of magazines in our industry."

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