

**Dear Dr. Geoff:**

A green committee member I work for calls me at home, usually after 9 p.m. Typically, these calls include his latest vision for our proposed third green renovation. Last night, he phoned to say he found the perfect color to use when we repaint our ball washers. I purchased caller ID at \$7.95 a month, but it turns out his number doesn't come up on the screen. Is it normal to resent these calls to the point that my blood is boiling with anger?

*Sincerely,  
Super-irritated in Arizona*

**Dear Super-irritated:**

Yes, it is completely normal and healthy to feel the way you do, but let's find a better way to channel your energy. Getting caller ID was a prudent move. I would recommend that you upgrade to a simple block feature forcing Mr. Committeeman to show his number by dialing \*82. If he doesn't identify his number, the call won't get through and you'll get your sleep.

**Dear Dr. Geoff:**

I'm a world-famous, award-winning architect and a friend to presidents — well, at least USGA presidents. Some people think that I charge too much (\$1.2 million fee). And others say that I don't put in enough time on-site at my projects (four visits and I'm bored). What is wrong with the way I work? Aren't golfers today more interested in dropping my name and telling their friends how much we spent to build The Glory at Vanity Ranch?

*Sincerely,  
Confused in Plaid*

**Dear Confused in Plaid:**

Yes, the American way is to place an emphasis on the outward appearances and financial burdens that come with wealth and egotism. If you're doing what your clients want (that is, overcharging and overspending to build golf courses), more power to you. But remember, this will be your legacy. When baby-boomers are old, cranky and frugal, you may be the one they blame. Will you be comforted by your millions?

**Dear Dr. Geoff:**

I'm a semiretired superintendent who's now a

# Dear Dr. Geoff: We Need Your Advice

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well-paid, universally beloved consultant. My question is fashion-related. At the GCSAA show, I have been known to wear a golf shirt with all of my corporate affiliations stitched on my shirts. Is there a maximum logo number, if exceeded, that violates any fashion laws?

*Sincerely,  
Fashion Weary on the Road*

**Dear Fashion Weary on the Road:**

The NASCAR look may work for a pit crew chief at Daytona, but I'm not sure how it will fly in Atlanta. As for a maximum, Gary McCord says that any PGA Tour player wearing more than six logos is in violation of good-taste edicts. For superintendents, let's raise the bar and establish a maximum of three.

**Dear Dr. Geoff:**

I feel isolated from the golfers at the course where I work. I rarely feel like stopping to chat with them because they share their ridiculously self-involved complaints about modern conditions, depressing me about the state of the world. Do you have any suggestions for creating better bonding situations with these golfers so I can have some hope for society?

*Sincerely,  
Blue-keeper in Kentucky*

**Dear Blue-keeper:**

Get a dog and name the hound after a popular (but definitely dead) golfer from your course. A good dog will intervene with most golfers, but they are likely to want to pet your dog and may even start seeing you as a fellow human-being. Conversations will shift to meaningless banter about the dog, which will foster empty discussions between you and your fellow golfers.

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