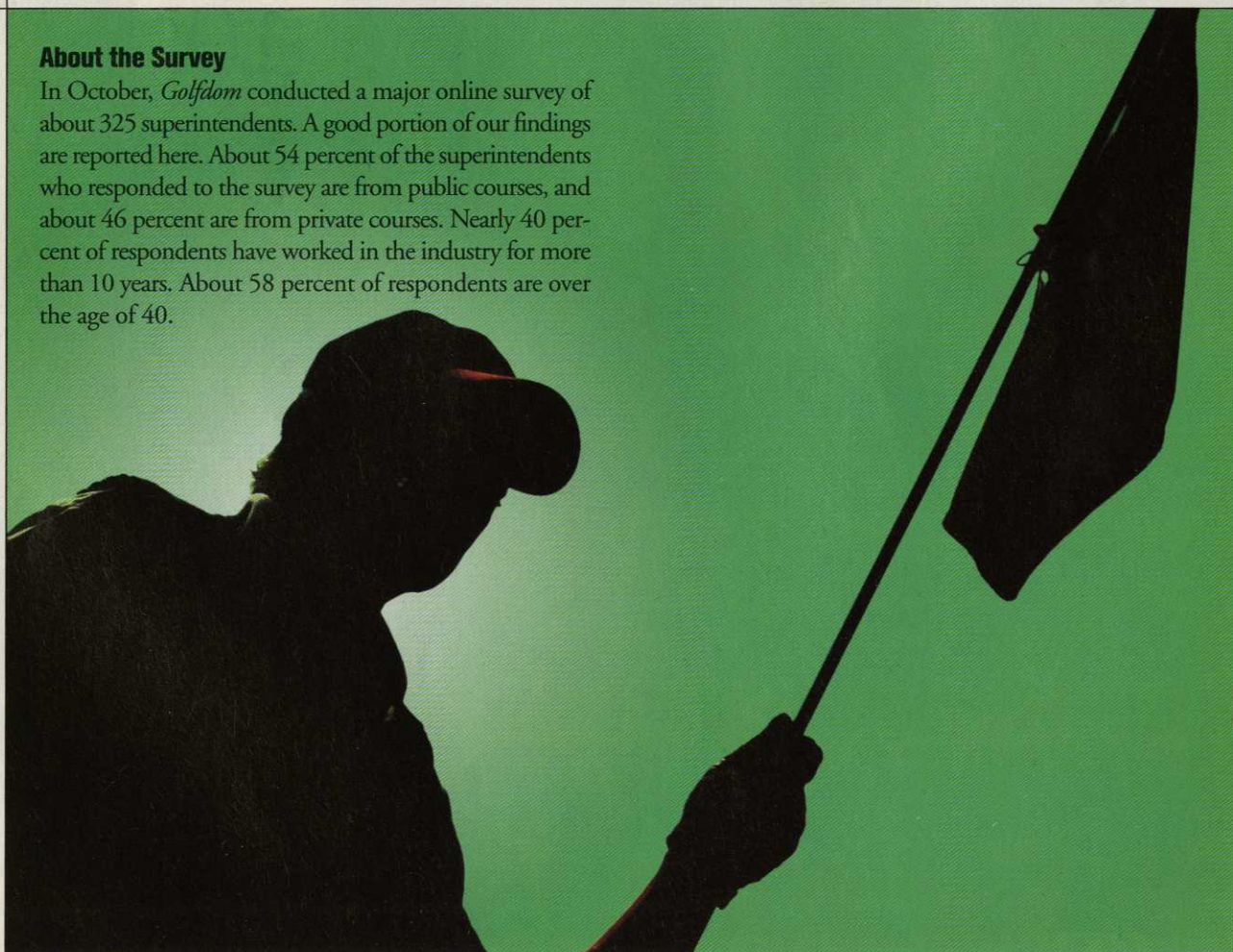


Up and Down

A look back at the year in statistics and sayings, including results of our recent superintendent survey and the best quotables of the year from some of the industry's most interesting characters

About the Survey

In October, *Golfdom* conducted a major online survey of about 325 superintendents. A good portion of our findings are reported here. About 54 percent of the superintendents who responded to the survey are from public courses, and about 46 percent are from private courses. Nearly 40 percent of respondents have worked in the industry for more than 10 years. About 58 percent of respondents are over the age of 40.



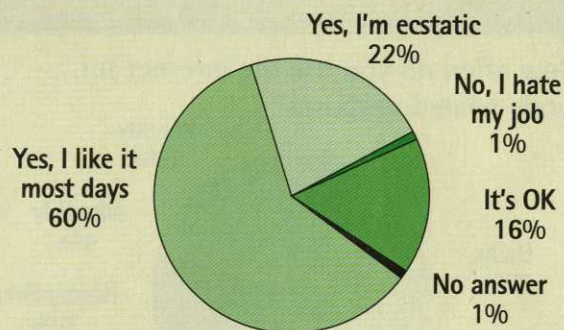
“ We lost part of the roof on the maintenance building. I now have a ‘skylight’ in my office.”

– **Joe Boe**, superintendent of Coral Oaks Golf Course in Cape Coral, Fla., after his course took a hit from Hurricane Charley.

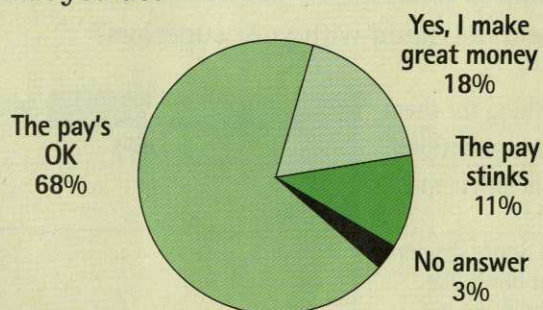


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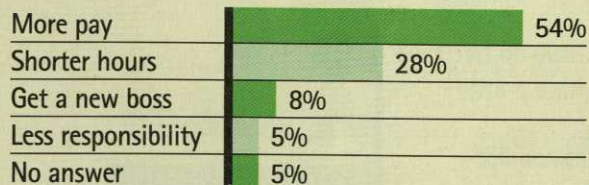
Are you happy in your current position?



Do you think you're adequately paid for what you do?



If there's one thing you could change about your job, what would it be?



Editor's note: Findings are based on responses from 325 superintendents who participated in *Golfdom's* October online survey.

“ It's indescribable to win this award. I feel like I could die now since there's nothing in my profession better than this.”

– **Monroe S. Miller**, superintendent at Blackhawk Country Club in Madison, Wis., reacting to receiving the USGA Green Section Award.

“ Don't make any cracks about our accents. Remember, we're the ones speaking English, and you're the ones with the accents.”

– **Stephen Bernhard**, president of the British company Bernhard and Co., which makes mower-sharpening machines, talking to members of the American press at the GCSAA Conference and Show.

“ Agronomics, economics and politics are part of every decision you make.”

– **Bob Brame**, a USGA Green Section agronomist, speaking to superintendents during his “Year in Review” presentation at the 2003 Ohio Turfgrass Conference & Show.

“ People want fast greens, but they want greens to hold. Yeah, and I want an SUV that gets 30 miles to a gallon.”

– **Ron Ross**, certified superintendent of Quarry Oaks Golf Club in Ashland, Neb., on the green-speed issue.

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“Most of the pesticides we use today are safer than aspirin. I’m not talking about 20 years ago, I’m talking about today. I’m not talking about all of them, I’m talking about most of them.”

— **Tim Hiers**, certified superintendent of the Old Collier Golf Club.



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“I think there’s a lot of internal strife in the USGA. One person wants one thing, another person wants another. They duck and hide until they go on TV, when they say everything is fine.”

— **Frank Hannigan**, former USGA executive director, on the controversy surrounding the course setup at last month’s U.S. Open, held at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club (*Newsday*).

“You’d like to think you could be somewhere forever in this business, but I think it’s almost next to impossible.”

— **Mark Kuhns**, certified superintendent of Baltusrol Golf Club, on staying at one club for an extended period.

“If I watch the old Masters from the 1960s and ’70s, I almost start laughing. You see guys on the ninth green at Augusta actually hitting the putt down the hill and the ball stops short.”

— **Bill Kernan**, senior project designer for Hurdzan/Fry Golf Course Design in Columbus, Ohio, on the evolution of green speed.

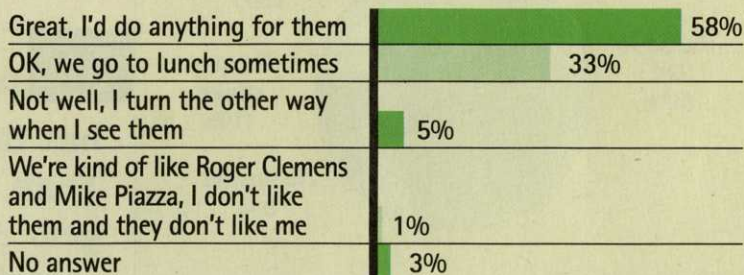
“His influences on the game, and especially among minorities ... if he wasn’t as persistent and as stubborn as he has been his entire life and his career, players like me may not have had a chance to play on the Tour.”

— **Tiger Woods**, on Charlie Sifford, the first black chosen in the World Golf Hall of Fame. (*The Wire*) ■

How often do you use the Internet for work-related purposes?



How well do you get along with your superiors?



Do the hours you work impact your life outside the golf course?

