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## SIX QUICK QUESTIONS WITH Sean Hoolehan

NEW GCSAA PREZ IS A WHITE SOX FAN AND A PATIENT MAN

### 1 | Who has been the biggest influence on your career and why?

Ray Schei (a more than 40-year member of the GCSAA). I worked as his assistant for four seasons, and he taught me how to do it all. He would turn me loose and let me learn from my mistakes. It was not always fun, but it was never boring. When I think of my good old days in this business, those were them. I learned to respect "old school" from Ray.

### 2 | What was the defining moment in your professional life?

The day I learned to be more patient with my staff. I have been successful ever since.

### 3 | What's the greatest invention the industry has seen?

Computer-operated irrigation.

### 4 | Describe yourself in one word:

Whitesoxfan.

### 5 | If a movie were made about your life, what actor would play you?

John Travolta.

### 6 | It's your last day on Earth. What would you do?

Put on my favorite White Sox hat and T-shirt and visit a priest.



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"Manage a group of seasonal employees who are woefully underpaid." John Cooper, superintendent, Atwood Homestead Golf Course, Rockford, Ill.

"Golfers are uneducated, or maybe it's just the TV watchers who are the ones who know more than I do." Gene Scarborough, superintendent, Santee-Cooper Resort, Santee, S.C.

"Answering the question, 'What have you done for me lately?' before it gets asked." Mike Hulteen, certified superintendent, Salina (Kan.) Country Club

"By far, just keeping a qualified staff is the hardest part to my job. We constantly have new guys coming and going and that means you are always teaching the same things over and over again." Ryan Blair, certified superintendent, Holston Hills Country Club, Knoxville, Tenn.

"To quote an old superintendent, 'I should have been a mason. Bricks don't wilt.'" Mike Beall, superintendent, UGA Golf Course, Ga.



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