

# TOP Assistants

David Delsandro is one driven dude



*Editor's note: Top Assistants will feature a question-and-answer session with an assistant superintendent every month. If you'd like to nominate someone for the feature, please send an e-mail to Larry Aylward at [larryward@questex.com](mailto:larryward@questex.com).*

David Delsandro, assistant grounds superintendent at Oakmont Country Club in Oakmont, Pa., was happy to see his beloved Pittsburgh Penguins make the Stanley Cup finals this year, even though they lost to the Detroit Red Wings. Delsandro is also happy in his job at Oakmont, where he has worked for five years. *Golfdom* caught up with Delsandro recently to ask him a few questions about his livelihood and his life.

**Golfdom:** What's your favorite part of the job?

**Delsandro:** My favorite part of the job is the ever-changing challenges it presents,

whether it involves staff, conditions, equipment, weather, etc. It seems as if there are always new challenges to address and overcome.

**Golfdom:** Who has been the biggest influence on your career and why?

**Delsandro:** John Zimmers Jr., the superintendent at Oakmont Country Club. He is a great leader and mentor in all arenas of turf and life. I'm lucky to have the privilege of working with him.

**Golfdom:** What's your favorite product or piece of equipment and why?

**Delsandro:** My favorite piece of equipment is the Toro ProCore 648. I love it because of its versatility, technology and soundly engineered design.

**Golfdom:** How many years have you worked in the golf industry?

**Delsandro:** The 2008 season is my ninth year in the golf industry. I worked four years at Cedarbrook Golf Course under

John Stawovy, and this is my fifth year working for Zimmers at Oakmont.

**Golfdom:** If you could change something about the industry right now, what would you change?

**Delsandro:** I would increase the amount of rounds played. This would drive revenue and help create growth for the industry as a whole.

**Golfdom:** Describe yourself in one word:

**Delsandro:** Driven.

**Golfdom:** What is your favorite hobby and why?

**Delsandro:** I enjoy working out, spending time with my friends and following the Pittsburgh Penguins. These hobbies allow me to relax and stay focused.

**Golfdom:** What's your favorite vacation spot?

**Delsandro:** I enjoy vacationing at the beach with my friends.

**Golfdom:** What's your favorite golf course besides your own?

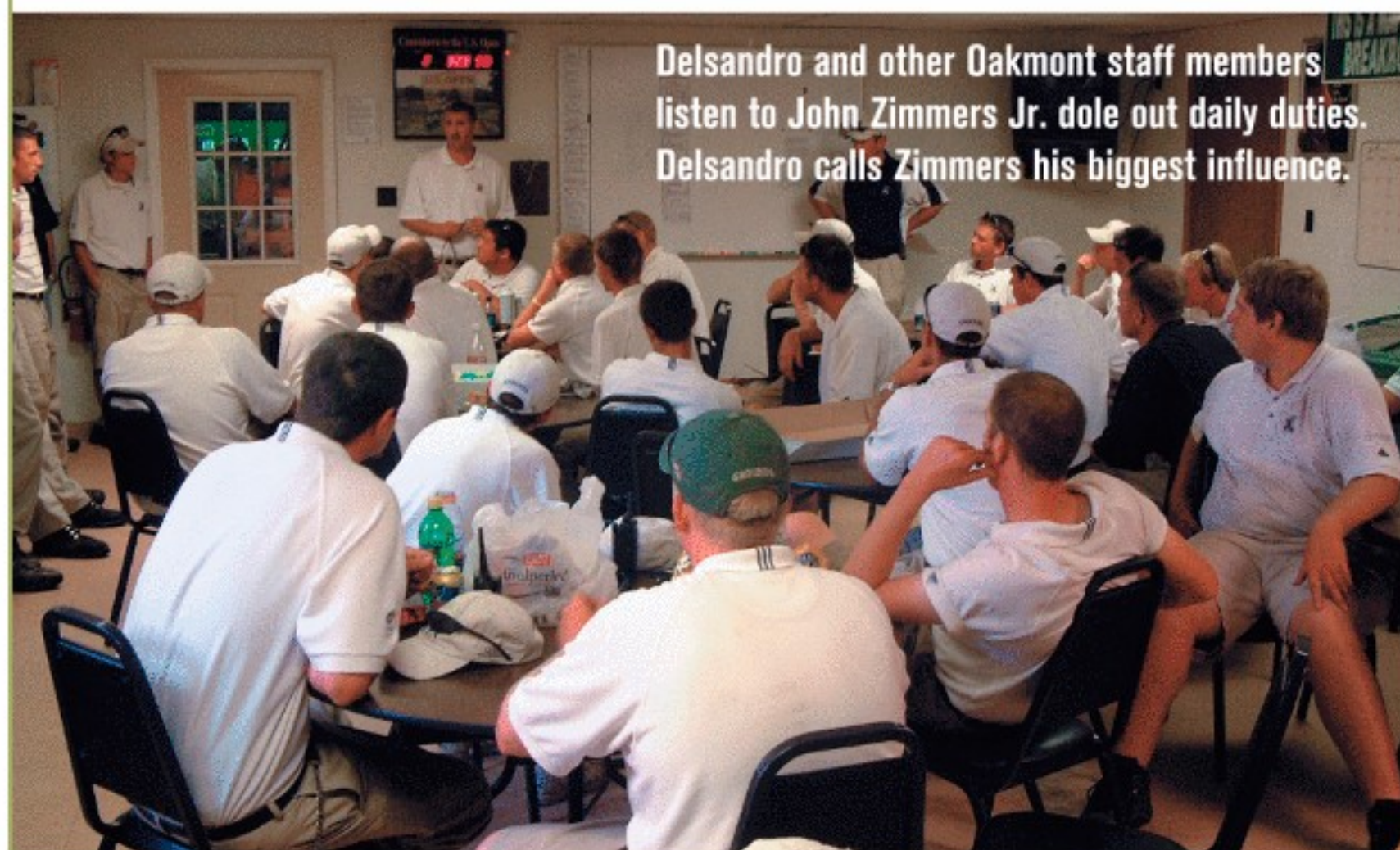
**Delsandro:** I really like visiting all classic courses that are rich in history and tradition.

**Golfdom:** If a movie were made about your life, what famous actor would play you?

**Delsandro:** Brad Pitt.

**Golfdom:** It's your last day on Earth. What would you do?

**Delsandro:** Spend time with family and friends. ■



Delsandro and other Oakmont staff members listen to John Zimmers Jr. dole out daily duties. Delsandro calls Zimmers his biggest influence.