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NEWS, NOTES AND QUOTES



// 2013 PGA

Long days were the norm at the 2013 PGA Championship at Oak Hill CC in Rochester, N.Y. It was estimated that each crew member put in a 105-hour workweek. Despite the long hours, the guys could still manage a smile.

## 95<sup>TH</sup> PGA CHAMPIONSHIP PRACTICALLY PERFECT

CORCORAN AND CREW OVERCOME EARLY CRITICISM AND EARLY RAIN TO HOST A MEMORABLE MAJOR.

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There were plenty of magical moments at the 95th PGA Championship.

From when the tournament began with a thunderclap to when it ended with champion Jason Dufner's cheeky butt-pat on his wife, this was one heck of a tournament.

"This golf course, Oak Hill, is just a great major championship venue," Ian Baker-Finch gushed. Keegan Bradley, winner of the 2011 PGA Championship tweeted, "The PGA of America always sets up an amazing course for a major. They deserve more credit than they get."

This was a 180 from what Tiger Woods was saying a week earlier. He complained during a press conference

that the greens lacked grass, and wondered if they could be sped up in time for the PGA.

Corcoran responded to Woods' complaints, telling the Rochester, N.Y. *Democrat and Chronicle*, "That was our game plan going into advance week, have them slow. ...We will be ready for the Championship." And ready it was, despite the occasional shower.

By Sunday, Corcoran was relieved the whole thing was almost over.

"I feel like a weight has been lifted off my shoulders," Corcoran said Sunday morning. "I'm going to relax... until I have to start thinking about next week's clean-up."

*CC of Orlando superintendent Kasey Kauff contributed to this story.*

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## MAGRO COMES ON BOARD AT STEVENS WATER

Carmen Magro has joined Stevens Water Monitoring Systems (Stevens Water) as the company's vice president of business development and agronomy. Magro brings with him 20 years of agronomy expertise and business leadership.



"His experience with several technology companies to implement self-

designed models for stress prediction, irrigation/analysis control and overall plant health is of great value," said Stevens President Scott South.

A former superintendent, Magro directed the Golf Course Turfgrass Management Program and Turfgrass Research Facilities at Penn State University and served as the university's turfgrass media relations expert.

His past experience also includes working as the lead agronomist and director of education at Floratine Products Group and as vice president of agronomy with UgMO Technologies.

// A SUPER ADVENTURE

## SUPER STARTS NEW CHARITY

Brian Peters, regional superintendent for Traditional Golf Properties in North Carolina, recently established a non-profit charity called "Adventurers for Special Needs" (AFSN).

The charity takes adventure sports (mountain climbing, kayaking, etc.) and turns them into charity benefits for children and adults with special needs.

Peters' son, Cameron, was born prematurely at 24 weeks. The premature birth left him with impairments and developmental delays.

Today Cameron is progressing well. Peters created the charity to give back to organizations like Frankie Lemmon School in Raleigh, N.C., which helped Cameron overcome his challenges. Learn more about the charity at [www.adventurers4specialneeds.com](http://www.adventurers4specialneeds.com).