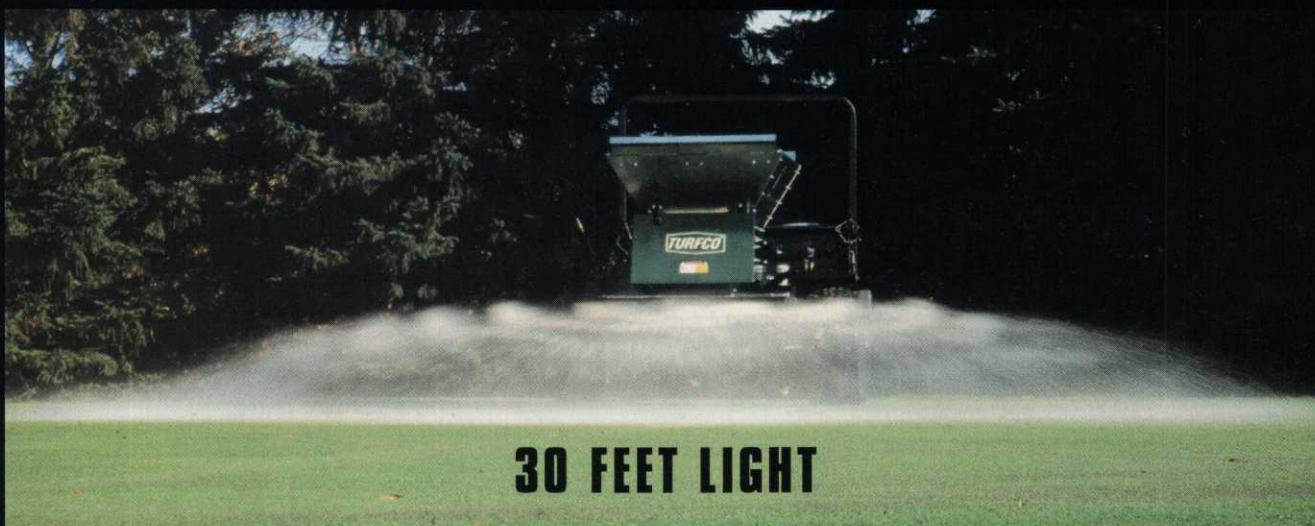
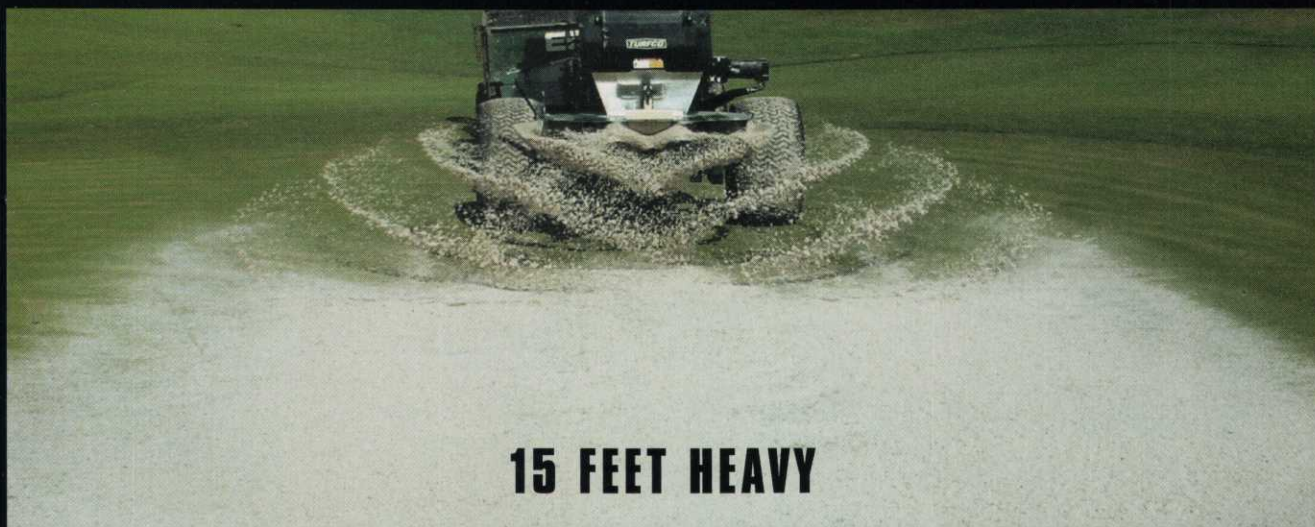


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The Apple Doesn't Fall Far From The Tree

From the Greene family in North Carolina to the Pock family in Arizona, many industry clans have sprouted several generations of superintendents. Some believe golf course maintenance is in the genes

BY LARRY AYLWARD, EDITOR

Mason Pock already knows what he wants to be when he grows up, and he's only 7 years old. Unlike a million other kids, Pock doesn't dream of flying into space or flying through the air with a basketball. He dreams of following in his father's footsteps and becoming a superintendent.

If Pock's dream becomes reality — and there's a good chance it will if you believe in the apple-doesn't-fall-from-the-tree-theory — he'd be the son of a son of a superintendent. Mason's dad, Ernie, is superintendent of Grayhawk GC in Scottsdale, Ariz., and his grandfather and Ernie's dad, Mike, is superintendent of Whisper Rock GC in Scottsdale.

The genealogy doesn't stop there. Mason's great-great grandfather and Mike's

grandfather, J.D. Woodward, was a well-known superintendent in the Phoenix area in the 1940s and '50s. Mason's Uncle Jay, his dad's younger brother, is superintendent of Anthem CC in Phoenix. The Pock's cousins, Mark Woodward and his son, Matt, are also in the business. In fact, Matt is Mike's assistant at Whisper Rock.

Needless to say, Mason reveres golf. He hangs out at his dad's course, hitting golf balls and helping with small tasks. Not surprisingly, Mason has developed a passion and proficiency for the profession. He can already identify different grass varieties. When people ask him what he wants to be when he grows up, Mason answers: "I'm going to do exactly what my daddy does. I'm going to be a superintendent."

The Pocks aren't the only family with a bloodline in golf course maintenance. From the Greene family in North Carolina to the Dinelli family in Chicago to the Hadwick family in Nebraska, superintendents and their offspring have made careers out of the profession, with some spanning four and five generations. The descendants don't seem to mind the negatives (longs hours, politics, etc.) that come with tending turf, even after watching their fathers endure such unpleasanties.

It's not uncommon for sons (and daughters) to follow in their fathers' footsteps in various professions. There's baseball's Bobby and Barry Bonds, and the presidency's George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush. But why do some sons and daugh-

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DEAN STEVENSON



The Pocks have made golf course maintenance a family affair in the Phoenix area. From left: Ernie, Mason, Mike, Jay and Cody.



"I just evolved into the profession. I never knew anything else."

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ters grow up wanting to be like their dads? Is it healthy for them to choose the same careers?

Also, do genetics have anything to do with following in dad's footsteps? Or does lineage originate with fathers who pressure their children to do what they do?

In the genes

On a cool fall day, Charles Hadwick sits in the tiny superintendent's office at The Country Club of Lincoln (Neb.) He's joined by his brother, John, certified superintendent of Grand Island Municipal GC in Grand Island, Neb., and John's son, Shane, second assistant superintendent at nearby Quarry Oaks GC. (Tom Hadwick, brother of Charles and John, works on Charles' crew; and the brothers' sister, Jean, works at the country club as a landscape architect. Another brother, Robert, was a superintendent for 19 years before becoming an industry salesman.)

Charles chats about a couple of former superintendents — his and John's late father, Joe, who was superintendent of The Country Club of Lincoln from 1952 through 1983; and their grandfather, Charlie, who was superintendent



▲ Wilford Harry Thome surveys ice damage at Broadmoor GC, where he worked for 32 years starting in 1921.



◀ John Lee Stottern inspects snow mold damage at Broadmoor, where he worked in the '40s and '50s.

COURTESY OF RILEY STOTTERN

at Jefferson City CC in Jefferson City, Mo., from 1912 to 1962. Charles and John remember their father coming home from work tired and angry, and asking himself why he became a superintendent. At other times, however, they recall him coming home happy and proud of the golf course's condition.

Charles and John, both veteran superintendents, have had similar days. They know the profession can be tremendously fulfilling and terribly frustrating — but they wouldn't want to do anything else.

Sons and daughters follow in their fathers' footsteps for several reasons and a big reason, strange as it seems, could be genetics.

Riley Stottern followed his father, John Lee, and his grandfather, Wilford Harry Thome, into the profession. Stottern, certified superintendent of Southern Highlands GC in Las Vegas, says he, his father and grandfather possess "driving" personalities, among other similar character traits. John Lee Stottern and Thome were both superintendents of Broadmoor GC in Colorado Springs, Colo., where Riley worked as a youth.

"It could be in the blood," the 58-year-old

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Talkin' Shop

Pock family get-togethers often turn into discussions about turf maintenance. Mike Pock and his sons Ernie and Jay, all superintendents in the Phoenix area, can't help but talk shop around the dinner table.

"Our poor wives know more about growing grass than my assistants do because that's all they hear about at family get-togethers," Ernie says only half-jokingly.

"We have some good, heated conversations," Mike says with a laugh.

Seriously, the Pocks seek each other for advice. Mike consults his sons, both graduates from Rutgers University, about new chemicals, something he

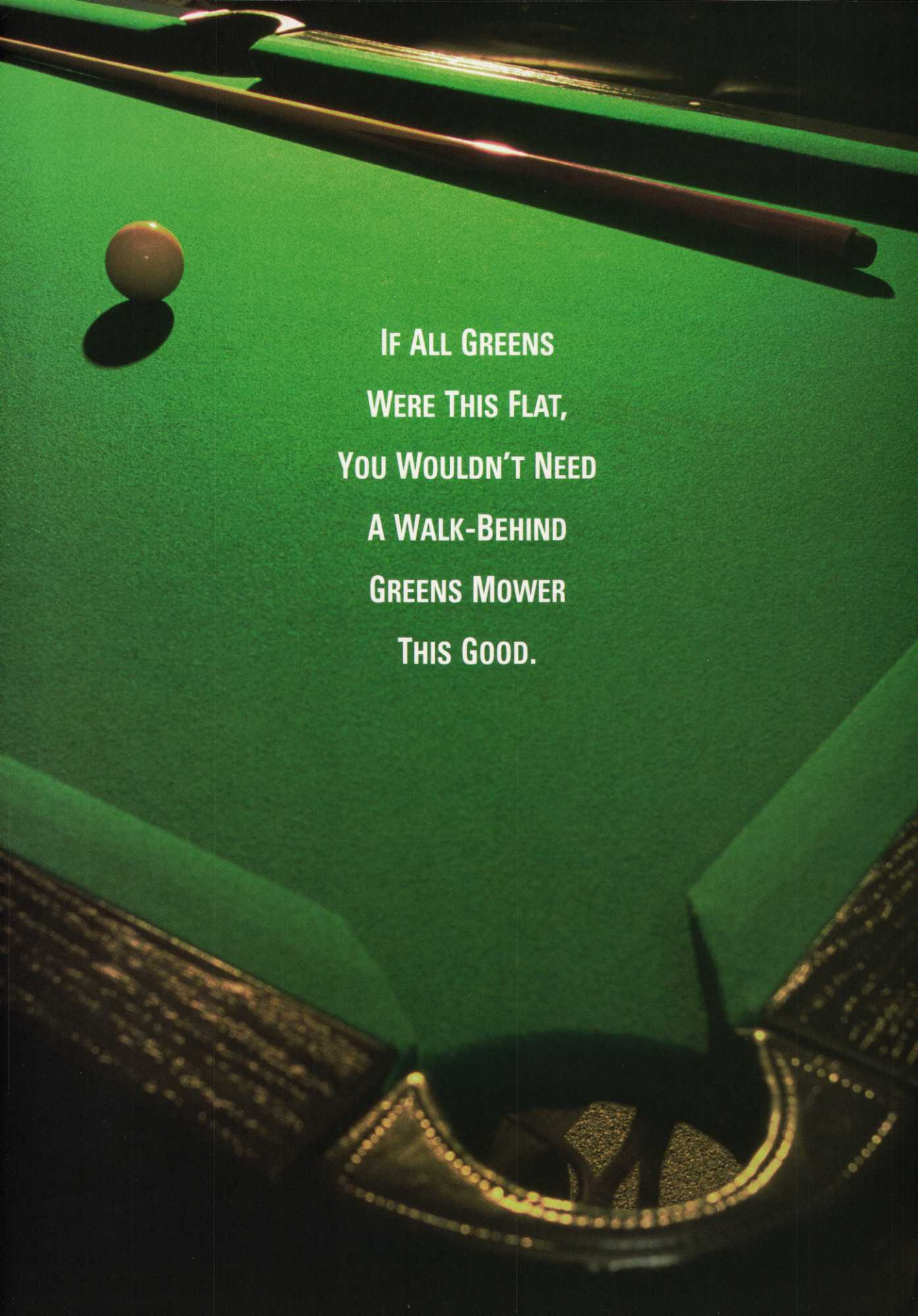
says he knows little about. Ernie and Jay consult their veteran father for his old-school wisdom.

Rosemary Augustine, a Denver-based career coach and author of *How to Live and Work Your Passion And Still Earn a Living*, says there's nothing unhealthy about talking shop during family events.

"What do we talk about in life? We talk shop," she stresses. "People talk about their work — how much they love it or how much they hate it. There's nothing wrong with that"

Of course, the Pock wives might not like all the talk, but Ernie says the Pock husbands know when to give it a rest.

— L.A., Editor

A high-angle, close-up photograph of a pool table. The green felt is the dominant color. A pool cue lies diagonally across the top right. A single white ball sits on the left side. The bottom edge shows the dark, textured leather of a pool chair. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and deep shadows.

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Engine:

Type	Honda, Air cooled GX120	Honda, Air cooled GX120	Honda, Air cooled GX120
Cycle	4	4	4
Bore and Stroke	2.36-1.73 in. (60 mm x 44 mm)	2.36-1.73 in. (60 mm x 44 mm)	2.36-1.73 in. (60 mm x 44 mm)
Piston Displacement	7.2 cu. in. (118 cm ³)	7.2 cu. in. (118 cm ³)	7.2 cu. in. (118 cm ³)
Compression Ratio	8.5:1	8.5:1	8.5:1
Compression Pressure	43 psi (3 kg/cm) minimum	43 psi (3 kg/cm) minimum	43 psi (3 kg/cm) minimum
Maximum Output	4.0 hp (2.8 kW) @ 3,900 rpm	4.0 hp (2.8 kW) @ 3,900 rpm	4.0 hp (2.8 kW) @ 3,900 rpm
Direction of Rotation of Output Shaft	Counterclockwise viewed from shaft	Counterclockwise viewed from shaft	Counterclockwise viewed from shaft
Inclination Limit	Tilted up to 20 degrees in any direction	Tilted up to 20 degrees in any direction	Tilted up to 20 degrees in any direction
Idle-Speed at Output Shaft	1300 rpm	1300 rpm	1300 rpm
Maximum Speed at Output Shaft	3500 rpm	3500 rpm	3500 rpm
Transport Tires (quick detachable):			
Tread Width (width of mower with tires)	33.3 in. (84.6 cm)	41.3 in. (104.9 cm)	37.3 in. (94.6 cm)
Tires	4.1-6, 2 PR tubless	4.1-6, 2 PR tubless	4.1-6, 2 PR tubless
Pressure (standard pneumatic)	18 to 20 psi (125 to 140 kPa) (0.3 to 0.4 bar)	18 to 20 psi (125 to 140 kPa) (0.3 to 0.4 bar)	18 to 20 psi (125 to 140 kPa) (0.3 to 0.4 bar)
Transport Brake	Band-type brake, lever activation	Band-type brake, lever activation	Band-type brake, lever activation
Cutting Equipment:			
Cutting Width	18 in. (45.7 cm)	26 in. (66.0 cm)	22 in. (55.9 cm)
Cutting Height (Minimum):			
Standard 3.0 mm Bedknife	1/8 in. (3.2 mm) (optional on 180B)	1/8 in. (3.2 mm)	1/8 in. (3.2 mm)
Optional 2.5 mm Bedknife	3/32 in. (2.5 mm) (standard on 180B)	NA	3/32 in. (2.5 mm)
Optional 2.0 mm Bedknife	5/64 in. (2.0 mm)	NA	5/64 in. (2.0 mm)
Optional Tee Bedknife	NA	3/16 in. (4.8 mm)	NA
Cutting Height (Maximum)	7/8 in. (22.2 mm)	7/8 in. (22.2 mm)	7/8 in. (22.2 mm)
Frequency of Clip:			
Standard	0.195 in. (5 mm)	0.195 in. (5 mm)	0.195 in. (5 mm)
Optional	0.155 in. (3.9 mm)	0.155 in. (3.9 mm)	0.155 in. (3.9 mm)
Reel:			
Diameter	5 in. (127 mm)	5 in. (127 mm)	5 in. (127 mm)
Number of Blades	11	11	11
Material	Heat-treated chromium molybdenum steel	Heat-treated chromium molybdenum steel	Heat-treated chromium molybdenum steel
Bedknife - STANDARD	0.118 in. (3 mm) thick x 18 in. (45.8 cm) long Approx. 6 lb. (2.7 kg)	0.118 in. (3 mm) thick x 26 in. (66.0 cm) long Approx. 8 lb. (3.7 kg)	0.118 in. (3 mm) thick x 22 in. (56.0 cm) long Approx. 7 lb. (3.2 kg)
Grass Catcher			
Clutches:			
Transport	Belt tension	Belt tension	Belt tension
Reel Jaw-Type Clutch	On/Off	On/Off	On/Off
Brush	Gear engagement disconnecting	Gear engagement disconnecting	Gear engagement disconnecting
Traction Drum	Dual aluminum traction	Dual aluminum traction	Dual aluminum traction
Traveling Device:			
Forward Speed*	5.2 mph (8.4 km/h) with transport wheels at 3500 engine rpm	5.2 mph (8.4 km/h) with transport wheels at 3500 engine rpm	5.2 mph (8.4 km/h) with transport wheels at 3500 engine rpm
Roller (Rear)	Aluminum, 7 1/2 in. (190 mm) diameter	Aluminum, 7 1/2 in. (190 mm) diameter	Aluminum, 7 1/2 in. (190 mm) diameter
Roller (Front)	Machined steel, 2 3/8 in. (60 mm) diameter (for cutting height adjustment)	Machined steel, 2-3/8-in. (60 mm) diameter (for cutting height adjustment)	Machined steel, 2-3/8-in. (60 mm) diameter (for cutting height adjustment)
Dimensions:			
Length (w/Tires Installed)	37 in. (94.0 cm)	37 in. (94.0 cm)	37 in. (94.0 cm)
Width (w/Tires Installed)	33 1/4 in. (84.5 cm)	41 1/4 in. (104.8 cm)	37 1/4 in. (94.6 cm)
Height (w/Tires Installed)	47 in. (119.0 cm)	47 in. (119.0 cm)	47 in. (119.0 cm)
Weight (Less Brush Drive, Transport Wheels and Grass Catcher)	203 lb. (92.3 kg)	235 lb. (106.8 kg)	219 lb. (99.5 kg)

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