



Information, Please

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This quiz has no theme. The questions are a collection of bits of information that may (or may not, I guess) be of interest to Wisconsin golf course superintendents. They at least serve as a measure of how much attention you pay and how much importance you place upon trivia. Here goes:

1. What WGCSA member was the first to install a cellular phone in the club pickup? (Hint: he was also the first with a telephone answering machine in his office).
2. Name three (there may be more) former WGCSA members who have hosted one of the four "major" tournaments in professional golf. A major is defined as the U.S. Open, the Masters, the PGA or the British Open.

3. What is the predominant golf turf in Wisconsin (greens/tees/fairways)?
4. True or False. The average total maintenance budget for an 18 hole municipal golf course in Wisconsin is

- lower than that for an 18 hole private golf course.
5. Is the above (Question 4) true on a national basis?

Answers

1. Tom Harrison. He is evidence that there is truth in the old saw, "the bigger the boy, the bigger the toy."
2. Peter Miller, who left the Nakoma Golf Club for the Firststone Golf Club, Roger Larson, who left the Maple Bluff Country Club for Pebble Beach Country Club (and the other Del Monte properties) and Danny Gust, who left the Milwaukee Country Club for Medinah Country Club. Are there others?
3. A gimmee — *Poa annua*.
4. False. According to a 1990 report prepared by the Center for Golf Course Management, the municipal golf courses in Wisconsin outspend the private golf courses by a whopping 36 per cent. There's one myth put to rest.
5. No. Nationally, 18 hole private golf courses outspend municipal golf courses by 22 per cent.

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