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ABOUT THE COVER

Dr. Doug Soldat is featured on our cover this issue. He is the new turfgrass faculty person in the Department of Soil Science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Doug will continue the excellent traditions of education, research and extension we have received from the Department for many decades.

Doug's departmental ancestors are from left to right: O.J. Noer, Wayne R. Kussow, Leo M. Walsh and James R. Love. All four men were faculty members in soil science who had a powerful and positive influence on Wisconsin's golf turf industry.

Interestingly, Doug received his undergraduate degree in turf from this department, as well as his M.S. degree. He was the first recipient of the Wayne R. Kussow Wisconsin Distinguished Graduate Fellowship. Dr.

Kussow was his undergrad advisor and his major professor. Doug earned his PhD degree from Cornell University.

"Courses have no doubt been getting more and more difficult for the average player. His golf has in some cases been a dismal progress from the rough to a bunker, and from a bunker to the rough, hole after hole. He has very likely chosen a pleasant spring day for a little relaxation and pleasure, and returns home at night in a jaded and almost hopeless frame of mind."

—H.S. Colt
Golf Course Architect
1869-1951



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