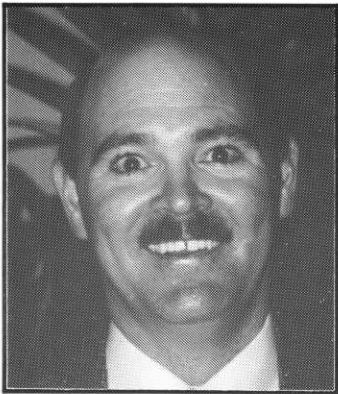


What Is Your Biggest Environmental Concern?



TOM McCANN
Landscape and Turf

"Education! Governmental bodies are making decisions that will affect our industry based on the information provided to them. Therefore, we have to educate them correctly and with up-to-date information on the products we use today.

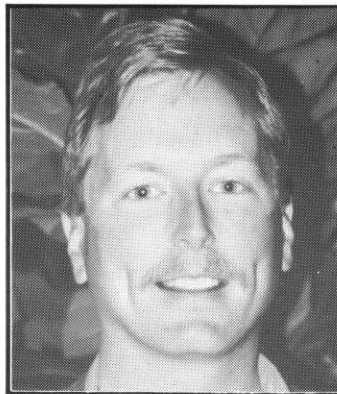
"If incorrect information is provided to these legislative people, we could lose more products from our day-to-day inventory of pest management material."



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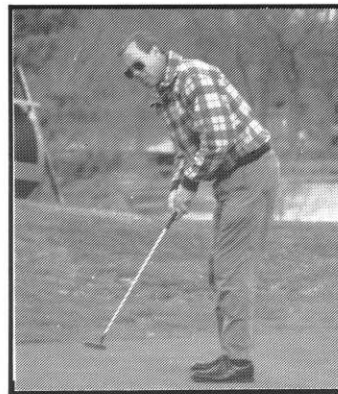
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JACK MacKENZIE
North Oaks G.C.

"As a self-proclaimed environmentalist, I am concerned that the educated superintendent's progressive attitude toward integrated pest management, licensing and certification and common sense ecological responsibility is being overlooked. Overbearing and uneducated groups are failing to appreciate the necessary balance between economic and responsible pesticide use.

"As an association, we need to continue, and expand upon, our lobbying efforts to control those individuals who threaten our livelihood and also the game of golf as we perceive it to be."



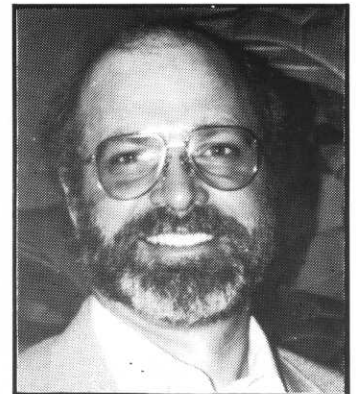
DOUG MAHAL
Minikahda Club

"My biggest environment-related concern is the inability of our industry to adequately educate the public, in general, and lawmakers specifically, before they decide the fate of the pesticides we use on our golf courses.

"I have a concern that eventually the visual appearance of a pesticide sprayer on the course will no longer be tolerated and that midnight applications will be the norm.

"I think we, as superintendents, have a large responsibility for some of this public education, particularly to the portion that are members of our clubs. Let them know what you're applying and what it's controlling. Let them know what compliance issues you have undertaken. Make this information available upon request. Make them know they employ an environmentally responsible superintendent.

"It's important that we hide nothing if, in fact, we are storing, handling and applying legally. We can not allow ourselves to be above the law in this regard or we certainly won't be able to blame lawmakers or the general public for our woes."



CARY FEMRITE
Pebble Creek C.C.

"My biggest environmental concerns start with public awareness. Awareness raises issues that people rarely consider, and stimulates conversation in people's day-to-day lives.

"Media attention raises awareness through public meetings which, in turn, generate conversation on environmental issues. The gaps occur with misinformation and unfounded claims. So then, education and training—which we in the MGCSA have drawn attention to—provides us, the professionals, with data and findings to help educate our public bodies.

"Water, air quality and food processing are the biggest concerns I have because our golf course is located on a river, adjacent to agricultural fields, with a power plant within a mile. I'm pleased and relieved that NSP is very conscientious to addressing these issues in our area and deal with them sincerely and professionally.

"I try to do my part by talking with my committee on the necessary issues and our alternatives, plus future concerns.

"Communication, education and awareness lead to better understanding and positive results."