

# John Nylund—Golf Course Superintendent— Commercial Actor?

Most people know of John Nylund as a soft-spoken member of the MGCSA since 1973. He has been a president, served on the Board of Directors and been MGCSA Amateur Champion twice. Currently John is starring in the USGA's television commercials concerning membership enrollment.

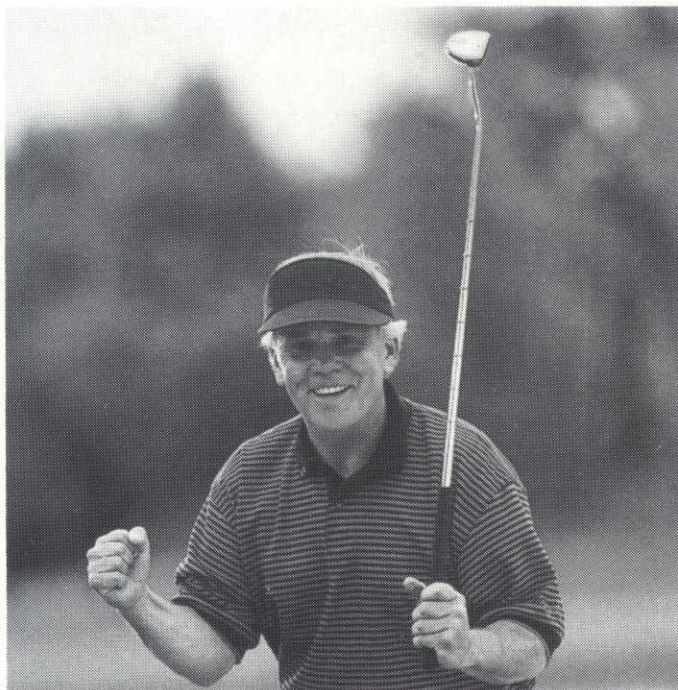
Now this all started in May of 1993 just prior to the Walker Cup when casting had try-outs on the Braemar driving range. At first John joked with Clubhouse staffers while getting coffee one morning. Initially it was a just a joke, then a reservation was set up for John at 5:00 p.m. that very afternoon.

John showed up for the reservation and several questions were asked concerning his golf handicap, if he could slice a ball, if he could hook a ball. Of course with John he can work a golf ball on command. Needless to say John passed the first test, and he made the call back the next day at the Edina Golf Dome.

Now the commercials John made his mark with are the putting commercials. The script called for an extremely long putt, with the cup being set two feet from the back edge of the green (so much for the 4 to 5 pace theory). Now all that does not seem too bad, until you find out that the green being used was the ninth green, and the back of the green is enough to make the collar feel a little snug. But there's that 6 to 7 foot break over a hump that's enough to make the grip of that Zebra putter just melt. To make that short simple commercial that we witness when John drains the long putt, it took at least 45 minutes, with another hour just to get the reaction as John becomes the winner of . . .

John Nylund credited Steve Garske of Par Aide with his first acting bit. Remember that poor Golf Course Superintendent who witnesses Joe Klomper tear 9" pelts of bent out of a tee? John credits the producer of the commercial with making it look so real. As for that clubhouse staffer who made the reservation for John, well they never made it back for the second call back. John has received phone calls from friends throughout the nation who have recognized him on the commercial. One friend from Kansas claimed that John has an identical twin running around doing commercials.

Now about that really long putt, did he or ?



John Nylund

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