

SUPERINTENDENT LANDS A BIG ONE IN SITKA, ALASKA

Just for the Halibut

By CHARLIE POOCH

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Charlie Pooch, Superintendent at the University of Minnesota Les Bolstad Golf Course, finally landed "a big one." After commenting to his wife the night before that he had never caught a big halibut and maybe this was the year, on May 23 while fishing with nephews Ben Baumann and Nate Obitz (captain and deckhand with Angling Unlimited), he brought in a 180-lb. halibut.

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After telling his sister that there probably wouldn't be a fishing trip this summer because of events scheduled at the golf course, she suggested he come in May for the beginning of the fishing season. Turned out to be a good decision.

1st Annual Alternative Turfgrass Meeting Takes Place at Big Fish GC

Thanks to all who attended the First Annual Alternative Turfgrass Discussion on Monday, June 11 at Big Fish Golf Club in Hayward, Wis.

With impending government regulations and our own personal aspirations to provide ideal golfing conditions has led many in the industry to seek alternatives.

- Tod Blankenship



Charlie Pooch, Superintendent at Les Bolstad University of Minnesota Golf Course, and his 180-lb. Halibut. Charlie caught the fish while in Alaska. Kind of makes you think twice about swimming in the ocean.