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Golf Superintendent Overlooked

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The next time you go out to play golf on your favorite golf course, stop and just take a good look around you at the greens, fairways, traps and even the roughs.

Then try to envision yourself being responsible for the appearance and maintenance of this vast area, which stands naked against the unpredictable moods of nature, and which come under the close scrutiny of other players almost all year around.

It's alright, you are not alone. You probably are like most players and club officials — you never give the man credit who is responsible for the beauty and neatness of this vast area.

The golf course superintendent has been overlooked by the vast majority of amateur golfers and golf professionals, who just take for granted that their round of golf will be

played over a course that has smooth greens and close-cut fairways.

If it is just a national tournament or a club outing, the superintendent is always forgotten. I am hoping that the next time you walk out on the course and look around, you just pause for a second and say a prayer for the golf course superintendent and crew.

The Golf Course Superintendent Association of America is taking steps toward making the superintendent a more discernible part of the surface picture of golf courses around the world. I'm excited about this, because this is going to make the superintendent's job more meaningful, and this will make all of us enjoy our work and make a better course to play on. Just remember not to gripe but give your superintendent a good word for his efforts.



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