

# Supers say they'd dole out extra dollars for low-pollution, low-noise equipment

■ An overwhelmingly large percentage of golf course superintendents would pay up to 10 percent more for quiet, low-pollution mowers, according to an exclusive LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT survey.

According to results from the straw poll, which was taken at the LM booth during the GCSAA trade show earlier this year, 80.9 percent of the superintendents (68 of 84) answered "yes" to the question:

"Would you pay an additional 10 per-

cent in purchase price for quiet, low-pollution mowers to replace at least a portion of the mowers you are now using?"

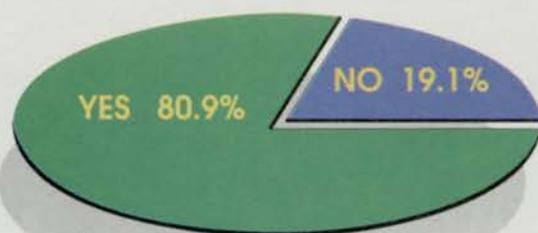
The survey also found that about half of the respondents use triplex mowers for fairway mowing and about half offer golfers/members a regularly-scheduled newsletter. However, despite the fact that more than four out of five of the respondents have access to on-the-job computer systems, only one in five have weather sta-

tions on their course.

Long days are not uncommon, the respondents said through their answers. The average superintendent for an 18-hole course works 57.9 hours a week during the course's busy season and 38.8 hours a week during the slack season.

For their part in the survey, the respondents were given a sleeve of "Landscape Management" golf balls and tees.

—Jerry Roche



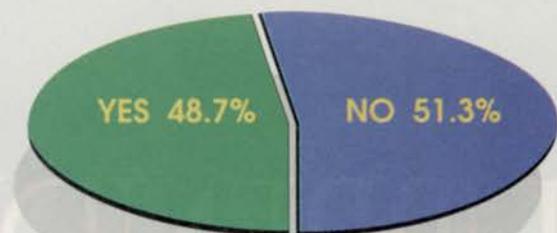
▲ Would you pay an additional 10% in purchase price for quiet, low-pollution mowers to replace at least a portion of the mowers you are now using?



▲ Do you currently use triplex mowers on your fairways?



▲ Is there a weather station on your golf course?



▲ Do you currently offer your golfers/members a regularly-scheduled newsletter?

**On the average, how many hours per week do you spend on the job during your...**

	18-hole courses	more than 18 holes	fewer than 18 holes
<b>...busy season?</b>	57.9 hrs.	58.9 hrs.	60.0 hrs.
<b>...off season?</b>	38.8 hrs.	43.5 hrs.	25.7 hrs.