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OPINION

National Golf Day 2023 – Going “Outside the Box”

By Larry Hirsh, President, Golf Property Analysts

National Golf Day was held last week in Washington, D.C. Sponsored by the American Golf Industry Coalition, this most worthwhile event gathers leaders from within the golf industry to visit the offices of their US Senators and Representatives to advocate on behalf of the golf industry on issues of relevance. I was privileged to work within a group of other Pennsylvanians, including representatives of the Golf Association of Philadelphia, The Philadelphia Chapter of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, The International Association of Golf Administrators, a club manager, a course owner and past president of NGCOA, and a municipal course superintendent. We heard remarks from a renowned political consultant and two house members, one of whom recently revived the “Golf Caucus” in the House of Representatives. Many perceive golf as a game for the elite and its many virtues for the broader population often go untold. As those of us in the industry know, golf courses do a great job of preserving and protecting... [READ MORE >>](#)

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By Scott Kauffman, Contributor, Golf Business

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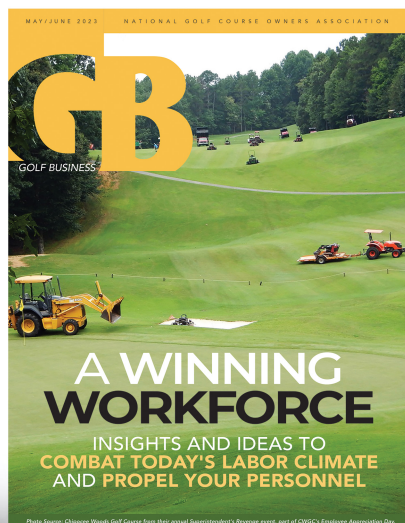
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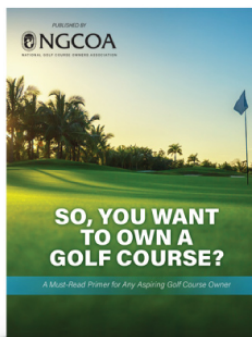
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