Courses breaking hazwaste law

BY MARK LESLIE

Most golf courses today are breaking the law.

Only 45 percent of the Club Managers Association of America members questioned in a poll say their clubs have a hazard communication program, and an industry expert feels even that is a high figure.

A poll conducted by Public Opinion Research, Inc., of Washington, D.C., and CMAA's Governmental Affairs Department found that only 56 percent of the managers polled had even heard about the law requiring a hazard communication program.

Beditz leads NGF into future

BY BOB DRUM

The National Golf Foundation is "its strongest in history," says Dr. Joseph F. Beditz, its new president and chief operating officer. "I'm inheriting a healthy club and want to keep it up and keep improving."

Beditz, 38, who had been in the job in an acting status since David B. Hueber resigned in January, has high hopes since being handed the post permanently after a May 2 NGF board meeting.

Drought woes plague courses

BY KATHY BISSELL

The drought situation continues to affect golf courses in all parts of the country.

Most severely hit are areas of Northern California, according to Don Hoos, director of agronomy for Landmark Land Co., Inc., which has 22 courses from California to Florida.

"In Carmel and Monterey the underground aquifer is not as good as in some areas. There has already been a 20-percent reduction request for industrial users, which includes golf courses, hotels and resorts," Hoos explained. "They can achieve 20 percent by being more careful with irrigation, maintaining minimum levels for grass, not watering roughs. The greens, based on climatic division..."