Big names, big time in big way

IGM has megalan for ‘ultra-courses’

BY MARK LESLIE

Earth is expected to be moved by 1991 on the first of a dozen “ultra-prestige” golf courses that will usher into the United States the concept of marketable memberships.

“I’m enthusiastic right now. We’re moving well,” said John T. Kilip, the man hired to steer International Golf Management, Inc. through the challenges of building the multiple-course network of “premier” facilities called The Partners Clubs. The exclusive, non-discriminatory private clubs are intended to answer the need of business executives, providing “luxurious and exclusive settings for social, recreational and business.”

Kilip, IGM’s senior vice president, has been busy recruiting big names, going big time in a big way. And now he sees the fruits ripening on the vine as he prepares to “get the common stock, private placement memorandum on the street at the end of May or first of June.”

The first round of 1,200 shares of preferred stock should be issued between January and June 1991, Kilip said. IGM will eventually sell 4,800 memberships for the first 12 courses, equivalent to 400

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Bardmoor changes planned

BY PETER BLAIS

The Tampa businessman who purchased Bardmoor Country Club in Largo, Fla., March 30plans to open one of the courses to the public and finish the last nine holes of a private, Tom Fazio-designed layout.

The 18th hole, for example, a par four with a 291-yard carry over a wetland to a green guarded by bunkers, will be redesigned to include a water hazard. The fairway will be straightened and a new green will be constructed.

“Cardinal” was the only course ever to appear on the Florida Desert Golf Association’s priority list. The other eight courses are not yet in play for the 1991 season.

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Hawaii lease brings $111M

BY PETER BLAIS

A Japanese company has bid $111 million to lease Honolulu’s recently completed, city-owned West Loch Golf Course in Ewa.

However, the city council, which was scheduled to decide in late April whether to accept Jurigi Co. Ltd.’s bid, could sidetrack the deal, even though the $111 million profit the course and clubhouse cost the city $20 million won’t be used to build two new municipal courses and affordable housing.

Several councilors believe the lease arrangement may be illegal since the land was originally condemned to be used as a municipal golf course, not leased to a private course operator, said city Finance Director Ted Jung.

“Some people want a municipal course right away. You know, a bird in the hand...” said Deputy Director of Housing Ron Mun. He also noted that the lease arrangement requires 150 rounds a day to be reserved for residents for two years, at a cost of $27 a round, while the two new municipal courses are built.

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Sharpener breaks time barrier

BY PETER BLAIS

Fledgling Bell Turf Equipment Manufacturing has developed a reel sharpener company officials say will do the job in one-third the time at less than half the price.

The San Jose, Calif., firm is being wooed by joint manufacturing proposals from several large companies for Reel Mate, a test unit the company’s founder believes will be eagerly sought after by superintendents once it goes into production.

“As there’s been a lot of interest,” said company President Pete Bell, 30, a former golf course mechanic.

The major appeal of Bell’s gang mower to a private course operator, said city Finance Director Ted Jung.

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2nd woman, 1st Oriental join ASGCA

BY MARK LESLIE

“I am ecstatic,” said Jan Beljan, reacting to being just the second woman ever elected to the American Society of Golf Course Architects.

Nai Chung “Lee” Chang, the society’s first Oriental member, and former Jack Nicklaus senior designer Bob Cuff joined Beljan among the eight architects elected as associate members March 28 at the group’s annual meeting in California.

Others joining the exclusive association include Keith Foster, from Arthur Hills’ Arizona office; Tom Marzolf, a colleague of Beljan in Tom Fazio’s North Carolina office; W. Bruce Matthews III from Gerald Matthews’ firm in Lansing, Mich.; Mark A. Munegan of Cornell & Silvo in Andover, Mass.; and Tom Pearson of Golden Bear International in North Palm Beach, Fla.

“I’m thrilled to get in,” said Chang, 43, a China native who has been living in the United States for 20 years.

“This is important in my personal development. I’ve been looking to

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McLoughlin drafting law for Turkey

Jim McLoughlin of The McLoughlin Group in Pleasantville, N.Y. is writing working specifications for the Turkish government to follow in evaluating golf course proposals in that country.

McLoughlin, the consultant for the country’s first golf course, which is awaiting construction, said 22 applications have been presented to the government since Turkey, to attract tourism, decided to grant developers 99-year, free leases and tax incentives on land along the Mediterranean coast.

The specifications are for all golf course-related projects including courses, residential communities, hotels and conference centers.

“There are 22 projects proposed, maybe some on a shoestring,” McLoughlin said. “There are good and bad standards. If bad standards are approved, Turkey will get a bad rap and spoil its whole tourism movement.”

McLoughlin, who is writing the specifications without charge, said, “It’s in everyone’s best interest to set quality standards.”

He is arranging for Minister of Tourism Jurkant Unal, Minister of Planning Tankut Unal and perhaps one or two other officials to travel to Florida in late April to see, first-hand, the result of quality construction standards.

“Theyir Mediterranean coastline is like Florida’s,” McLoughlin said.

The group will travel on to New York to meet with county planners and zone and see how their regulations are carried out.

Jacobsen hosts UK, American college seniors

Jacobsen Division of Textron is hosting top seniors from turf management programs throughout North America at the company’s 23rd annual Student Seminar, May 20-23 in Racine, Wis.

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Pennsylvanians oppose park developments

Three-fourths of mid-state Pennsylvanians oppose golf courses and other commercial developments in their state parks, according to an environmental group’s survey.

The Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen Clubs’ survey revealed the opposition to commercial development in the state’s 114 parks at a time when they need an estimated $100 million in maintenance and are faced with staff shortages.

The Department of Environmental Resources has recommended construction of rustic lodges to attract more visitors and needed revenue.

The state House and Senate have gone farther with legislation introduced in both branches calling for construction of golf courses, tennis courts, ski areas and convention centers.

River Vale buy spearheaded by Dye Equity

Dye Equity, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Dye Designs International, Inc., served as golf acquisition and investment adviser to F.B.D. Enterprises during the recent purchase of the River Vale Country Club in Bergen County, N.J.

F.B.D. is an affiliate of Fuji Country USA, a Japanese company whose U.S. operations are headquartered in Monterey, Calif.

Fuji Country’s principle business is owning and operating golf courses in the United States and throughout the world.

It currently holds two public courses in the United States located in Sonoma County and San Diego, Calif.

The $28-million acquisition from Winthrop Products, Inc. was facilitated by Dye Equity, Inc.

According to Dye Equity President Charles Tourtellotte, “The New York/New Jersey area was attractive to Fuji because it is home to the highest concentration of Japanese businesses in the United States.”

Tourtellotte added that plans for River Vale Country Club include remodeling and upgrading to the course and its amenities.

River Vale is scheduled for opening this spring.

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Foxboro CC members ‘pitch in,’ save money

BY PETER BLAIS

Short on money, but long on potential projects? Then consider a successful program recently held at Foxborough (Mass.) Country Club.

On March 24, the eastern Massachusetts facility held a volunteer effort, dubbed “Pitch-In and Putt Day.” Superintendent Andrew Langlois and office manager Nora Berard organized what they hoped would be a fun work party. They and club President Herb Schiffer, who first proposed the project, reasoned, “True golfers come to love their home course,” said Berard. “Provide them with the opportunity to express that love and they’ll come through, especially if you make it fun.”

They were right. Flyers were sent to members detailing the agenda. The day started with coffee and donuts along with instructions on the day’s activities. The 125 members who showed, about one-third of the total membership, spent the morning raking, hauling and burning brush. They also filled in a series of trenches that a tight budget had left open after a costly irrigation project. More than 500 man-hours were saved from the club’s budget.

The group was treated to a potluck lunch provided by the members. The day concluded with a nine-hole tournament. Each participant was also awarded a free guest pass.

“When the members sat down to their lunch, it seemed like a combination old-time church social and revival meeting,” said Berard. “People wanted to know when was the next work party and what else needed to be done.”

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Golf course moratorium asked in BC

The president of the British Columbia Institute of Agrologists has called on Premier Bill Vander Zalm to institute a moratorium on golf course applications on agricultural lands until a detailed study is completed.

A cabinet order-in-council in June 1988 permitted golf courses and restaurants in the agricultural land reserve.

The agricultural land commission received 67 course proposals in the 18 months following the order. Agrologist association President Wendy Holm believes that is too many and that agricultural land is best left for farming.

The proposed moratorium would affect new and pending applications, not those already approved.

Golf course would buffer hospital, homes

State officials are considering building a golf course in Highland, Calif., that will act as a buffer between the Patton State Hospital for the criminally insane and nearby residents.

Negotiations for the lease from the East Valley Water District on the 90-acre tract are complete and construction bids are being accepted for the proposed 18-hole executive course and driving range.

The golf course received near-unanimous approval in a water district survey of nearby property owners. The district will be paid for the land by whoever develops the course, which is expected to cost more than $2.5 million. Part of the course’s income will also go to a hospital patients’ fund to buy toiletries and other items.

Development plans include preserving a small cemetery where indigent mental patients were buried before 1934.

Construction will begin this fall with the driving range opening by mid-1991.
Marriott opens management division

Building on two decades of experience with its internal golf program, Marriott Corp. plans to create a new division solely devoted to aggressively marketing its golf management services worldwide.

"We're taking this step in order to capitalize on the technical expertise we've acquired while developing and managing our own golf portfolio," J.W. Marriott Jr., chairman and president of Marriott Corp. said from his Washington, D.C., headquarters.

Called Marriott Golf, the division will work with developers of freestanding public or private courses or any commercial, residential or resort development in existence or being planned.

Marriott Golf will offer day-to-day course management, pro shop management, agronomic, supervision, food and beverage management, general technical services, and marketing and accounting services.

"We are offering a business approach to the business of golf," said Roger Maxwell, vice president for golf operations and development, who will head the division.

Assisting Maxwell will be Clay Atcheson, director of golf and development at Marriott's Camelback Inn Resort, Golf Club and Spa; John Easterbrook, director of golf and development at The Golf Club at Fossil Creek, a free-standing, Marriott-managed facility in the Dallas-Fort Worth area; and Tony Austin, director of golf and development at Marriott's Orlando World Center Resort.

Maxwell said Marriott Golf's singular strength rests with the more than 130 PGA professionals on staff.

"The primary focus of each of these young golf professionals is the creation of a financially responsible, quality golf experience for players of all skill levels," he said. "They're attuned to offering the exceptional services and facilities that encourage players to keep coming back."

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Laws limiting Japanese developers

Japanese developers are used to the headaches of dealing with environmentalists when they undertake projects in this country.

Concerned with the chemicals put on golf courses, Japanese residents have stalled construction of seven projects in the island nation since 1986.

"New groups are born as soon as golf course projects start up," Setsuko Yasuma of the Japan Consumers Union, a major lobby group, told the "Daily Commercial News and Construction Record."

"There are 300 or more at the moment and the number is steadily rising."

The union sponsored its third annual national conference against golf courses in late March.

Last year's conference attracted 500 people from 100 groups. Because of monsoon weather, large amounts of oxidiazon, chlorthalonil and other herbicides and bactericides are used. Consequently, players and caddies have long complained of eye and throat irritations, according to the "Daily Commercial News and Construction Record."

In November, 90,000 river trout were reported killed by an organic bactericide washed down from a golf course on the northern island of Hokkaido.

ASAS names Dr. Beard a fellow

Dr. James B. Beard, professor of turfgrass science and stress physiology at Texas A&M University, has been elected a fellow of the American Society for the Advancement of Science, the country's leading general science organization.

The designation goes to ASAS members "whose efforts on behalf of the advancement of science or its applications are scientifically or socially distinguished."
NGF cites local and regional publications

The National Golf Foundation has cited 12 publications for overall excellence in local and regional journalism.

The winners were selected from nearly 100 publications that were entered in the Harry C. Eckhoff Award competition for 1989. Entries are judged on content, appearance and service to golf. Another 25 publications received special merit awards.

The winners, by category, follow:

**Club Newsletter**

**State/Regional Professional Association Newsletter**
- Overall Excellence: The Greenbrier, Golf Course Superintendents of New Jersey.
- Special Merit: Carolinas Newsletter, Carolinas Golf Course Superintendents Association; The Grass Roots, Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association; Rub of the Green, HB Lo (California) Golf Course Superintendents Association/SCPGA News, Southern California Section PGA.

**State/Regional Amateur Association Newsletter**
- Special Merit: Club News and Divots, Whistle Creek Country Club, Los Angeles, Calif.

**State/Regional Professional Association Magazine**
- Overall Excellence: Northern Texas Professional Golfer Annual, Northern Texas PGA.
- Special Merit: New England Section PGA Yearbook 1989; Through the Green, Georgia Golf Course Superintendents Association.

**State/Regional Unaffiliated Magazine**
- Overall Excellence: Golf Today, Sun Carlos, Calif.

**Club Magazine**

**State/Regional Professional Association Directories**
- Overall Excellence: Gateway Golfer Annual, Gateway PGA, Maryland Heights, Mo.

**Programs**

**Scovill to get $1.5M facelift**

The Decatur (Ill.) Park District is implementing $1.5 million in improvements to its Scovill Golf Course. This is the result of a master plan developed by Dick Nugent and Associates and a feasibility study by the National Golf Foundation. The development plan calls for new greens and tees, major fairway work, bunkering, mounding, and a complete irrigation system.

Also included is a golf learning center and clubhouse renovation. The Board of Park Commissioners approved issuance of a $1.1 million general obligation bond to initiate the project. Nugent and Associates has also been retained to provide the actual redevelopment plans and specifications.

The course is scheduled to close during August. Renovations will be completed during 1990 and 1991, with a grand re-opening scheduled for spring 1992.

**Hills opens D.C. office**

Arturi Hills and Associates has opened an office in Calverton, Md., the third satellite office for the Toledo, Ohio-based architectural firm.

Opening the office is Hills’ son, Joseph, who will manage projects in the East and Northeast regions. A graduate of Notre Dame University, Joseph worked with Keith Foster in the Phoenix, Ariz., office for two years prior to establishing operations in Maryland.
Managing Editor Mark Leslie and I had the distinct privilege of being invited to the annual spring meeting of the American Society of Golf Course Architects in Pebble Beach, if you think this group may be rather exclusive — it is. The 108 members have met strict criteria to be invited and, in fact, one of the more famous members is still only an associate member at this time — Jack Nicklaus. Nicklaus attended the meeting and played with Pete Dye, Robert Trent Jones Jr. and honoree John Zoller.

I had the honor and pleasure of meeting Robert Trent Jones Sr., as well as outgoing President Robert Trent Jones Jr. I'd like to pass along my best wishes to incoming president Dan Maples.

As you may have guessed, the meeting schedule included golf following morning meetings. It was my first opportunity to play Spanish Bay, which was designed by Bob and Alister MacKenzie. The layout of Spanish Bay is truly unique. The fairways and roughs are close to what you'll find at the Scottish links — and this beautiful setting on the Pacific is truly a Scottish links setting. The golf was enjoyable, as were the seminars I attended, and the members could not have been more cordial.

More information is available on the ASGCA from Executive Director Paul Fullmer at 312-372-7090.

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Sincerely,
Charles E. von Brecht publisher

Cynics not needed

BY MARK LESLIE

Some people will work overtime without pay in judging others. And a lot of that judging has been done against the golf industry — by people acting as the protectors of the forests of Vermont, the wetlands of New Jersey, the shores of California, the wild dunes of Michigan, and whatever happens to be in their backyard.

Until recent years, the golf industry basically sat by without ammunition to dispute claims that golf course fertilizers and chemicals pollute ground water.

But now, with the initiative of the United States Golf Association Green Section and supporting organizations, the industry may soon be able to respond in a positive way.

With the finished report from Spectrum Research Inc., showing the gaps in research on the effects of chemicals, the USGA will soon commission further study on the unanswered questions.

Representatives of every segment of the golf industry are echoing the sentiment: "All we want is the truth — pro or con." Perhaps that is because they feel confident following the Cape Cod Study and Dr. Tom Watschke's study on runoff pollution.

If the truth proves that turf renews the pollutants naturally, then superintendents, architects, builders and developers can go forward armed with that finding.

If the proof proves harm is done, then tough decisions lie ahead.

Author and editor H.L. Mencken once said: "A cynic is a man who, when he smells flowers, looks around for a coffin."

Let's hope cynics on both sides of this issue lose that trait before the answers come in. Let us all just work together and seek the truth — wherever that leads us.

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LETTERS

Designers’ tribute worthwhile

To the Editor:

My thanks to you for your efforts in establishing a tribute to all golf course designers by inaugurating the Golf Course Designer of the Year Award. The article (announcing Fazio as the first Designer of the Year) prepared by Peter Blais was most complimentary.

Since that issue we have received many congratulatory comments from many sectors of the golf industry, an indication of how far-reaching your publication is in both context and distribution.

Once again, thank you for your initiative and recognition, and good luck through the coming year.

Sincerely,

Tom Fazio

Jupiter, Fla.

Monthly reading

To the Editor:

I want to let you know how much we look forward to reading Golf Course News. We receive two copies at our office each month and everyone enjoys reading it. There is so much information about the golf industry that there is always something of interest for everyone. My clients enjoy it, also, and usually walk away with our copies.

Keep up the good work and we look forward to receiving the next issue of Golf Course News.

Best wishes,

Bob Lohmann

Lohmann Golf Designs, Inc.

Crystal Lake, Ill.

New dimension

To the Editor:

I was pleased you took the time to attend our session (at the GCSAA conference).

I think you have added a great new dimension to the golf communications industry with Golf Course News. I read each issue religiously when it comes in. Keep up the great work.

Sincerely,

John Szafanski

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The best news

To the Editor:

I want to compliment you on your excellent publication. It provides the best news in the industry in my judgment and fills a much needed gap that had not been covered before you began publishing.

Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

Arthur L. Davis

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Much-needed

To the Editor:

I have read a number of copies of your publication and have been quite impressed. You provide a much-needed service and valuable information to the golf community.

Sincerely,

Robert Vincent Jr.

golf course architect

San Francisco, Calif.

Herbert F. Bunton

Bunton left business and civic legacy

Herbert F. Bunton, chairman emeritus of Bunton Co. in Louisville, Ky., died March 20. Until his retirement, Bunton was chairman of Bunton Co. He was also a former president of Bunton Seed Co. in Louisville.

He was a past president of the Downtown Optimist Club of Louisville and a former director for the Louisville Chamber of Commerce and the Salvation Army.

He was a member of the Crescent Hill Christian Church and belonged to the Louisville Boat Club, the Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 4-3, the Propeller Club of Louisville, and the Masonic Lodge.

Bunton was also a member of the Sales & Marketing Executives of Louisville and the Kentuckiana World Commerce Council and the Louisville Nurserymen’s Association.

He is survived by his wife, the former Charles Anna (Bunny) Ritchie; three daughters, Sherry Warwick, Donna Vensvold and Vicki Byers; a brother, Winfred Bunton Jr., all of Louisville; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests that expressions of sympathy be in the form of contributions to the Salvation Army in Louisville.

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WHERE GREAT IDEAS START.
Competence, not gender, tops Knaggs' agenda

BY PETER BLAIS

She wouldn't have any part of it. "I just don't like to talk about it," said Westchester Country Club superintendent Mary Patricia Knaggs after several attempts at getting her to discuss the difficulty of being a female in the male-dominated world of golf course superintendents.

"I could tell you some stories. But I'd rather look at things positively."

Competence, not gender, is what's important to the head superintendent at the Rye, N.Y. club. Yet Patty Knaggs showing appreciation for a job well done is often overlooked by superintendents.

"Appreciation is very important," Knaggs said during March's Maine Golf Course Superintendents annual conference. "Appreciation for work done was rated No. 1 in a recent employees' survey, but, erroneously, No. 8 by managers."

Developing employee competence is very important to Knaggs. During her 14 months at Westchester, she has maintained a formal training program (started by her predecessor, Ted Horton) that touches on 18 different areas, including everything from irrigation management to tree maintenance to the proper use of utility vehicles.

While such a program requires a lot of work, it can lead to a well-trained work force that allows a course to operate smoothly, she said. Knaggs believes assistants Bert Dickenson, Mary Medonis and Larry Grasso could very easily be running their own courses. She also has a number of laborers who would make very capable assistants, she added.

"We have a highly educated, highly motivated group of people," she said.

She also has a very unionized group of people. Unions are rare in the golf business. They are concentrated in the New York and Chicago areas.

Knaggs said Westchester's 35-member crew presents her with "a special set of challenges. You come to realize that your own, best judgment just isn't good enough. You have to check the contract continually to avoid problems."

But being the lemons-into-lemonade sort, she refuses to dwell on the negative aspects of a union shop.

"It trains you to be a very fair manager. It forces you to work within guidelines, whether you like them or not," she said.

Knaggs has paid her dues during her rise to the top spot at one of the country's best-known courses. A 1983 graduate of the University of Massachusetts' associates in turf management program, Knaggs, 35, has worked on grounds crews at West Point, Eastern Ho in Chatham, Mass., and Mt. Kisco Country Club in New York. She also served as assistant superintendent at Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield, Mass., and the Country Club at Brookline (Mass.), before coming to Westchester.

"You have to want it very badly," she explained of her success.

While her early career has been on the nomadic side, Knaggs hopes she has found a permanent home at Westchester.

"I'd love to stay here a long time. This is as challenging and stimulating as it gets," she said.

Like its employees, Westchester's 1,500 members (4,200 users and 1,400 golfers) are a highly educated lot.

They prize education and treat you very professionally," said Knaggs.

The 45-hole complex (two 18-holers and a par 3 nine-holer) will host the annual Buick (Westchester) Classic June 21-24, two weeks later than usual. The schedule change eases the travel burden on the touring pros, who will remain in Illinois two straight weeks for the Centel Western Open at Oak Brook Golf Course and the U.S. Open at Medinah Country Club, before moving on to Westchester.

"That should make things a little easier on us," said Knaggs. "It will give the grass longer to grow in, but still come before the busy season."

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**NEW COURSES**

**Nicklaus’ son designing his first course**

Jack Nicklaus II, 28, is designing his first course just six miles from where his father is building a course. The younger Nicklaus’ 27-hole project, called the Champions Club, is located in Genoa Township in central Ohio. Midwest Golf Inc. hired Jack Nicklaus Golf Services to design the course that will be part of a 600-acre residential development. Construction will begin this year with the course opening in 1992.

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site of the J.C. Penney Classic, from a private to a daily fee facility on April 16.

The nine-hole Bayou Club, where construction stopped after the second nine became bogged down in the environmental permit process, in 1987, will expand to 18 holes. Work has begun on the new Fazio nine, which should be ready for play in January.

The Bardmoor clubhouse will be torn down and replaced by a new, Dick Deitrick-designed facility.

Meanwhile, the 18-hole Bardmoor South Golf Course has been closed. Some of the land will be used to complete the Bayou Club course.

The remainder will become executive home-sites for a private, residential community called Bayou Club Estates. Homes will range in price from $300,000 to $1 million.

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GOVERNMENT UPDATE

NCA asks Treasury Dept. to ax three tax proposals

Saying "you should grab your pocketbook whenever people talk about 'reforming' tax laws," National Club Association legal counsel Tom Walsh has filed comments with the U.S. Department of the Treasury urging it to reject three proposals concerning unrelated business income taxes (UBIT) of private clubs.

The proposals were part of a suggested revision of UBIT that was drafted by the staff of the House Ways and Means Committee. The committee had requested the Department of Treasury's views.

Walsh criticized the committee staff's proposal, saying, "This proposal shows why you should grab your pocketbook whenever people talk about 'reforming' tax laws. It seems clear that the committee staff lumped together various proposals, even though some of them clearly violate the basic principle of UBIT: that tax-exempt and profit-seeking entities should be treated equally when they undertake taxable activities."

"The staff has been overly swayed by the profit-seeking sector's argument that current tax laws give tax-exempts an unfair advantage."

NCA's primary objection was to the proposal to codify the Internal Revenue Service's Revenue Ruling 81-69. That ruling would prohibit clubs from using losses from one unrelated activity to offset income from another unrelated activity.

NCA said this limitation would unfairly impose a special limitation on clubs' taxable activities that is not imposed upon the taxable activities of profit-seeking organizations.

Walsh said, "The heart of the matter is the IRS's contention that clubs must show that their unrelated business activities are undertaken with a profit motive."

NCA has argued that if such activities were taxed as businesses, clubs must automatically be considered to be operating with such a motive. NCA also argued that, at the very least, clubs should be allowed to prove their profit motive by showing that they made a financial profit even though they claimed a tax loss.

These arguments support the position which the Portland Golf Club has taken in its Supreme Court case involving the profit motive test. NCA has supported this effort through contributions from its members, and its tax counsel will argue the case April 16.

NCA also criticized a proposal to hamstring a club's ability to create a separate taxable subsidiary to handle its unrelated business activities. By doing so, clubs would then be able to offset unrelated business losses against unrelated business gains. The Ways and Means Committee staff proposal would not allow that alternative. NCA pointed out that the staff's position would contradict UBIT's purpose, by unfairly handicapping clubs.

Finally, NCA questioned the staff proposal to limit the allocation of overhead expenses to unrelated activities. Under that proposal, clubs would only be able to allocate their fixed expenses if more than 25 percent of the total use of the facility were for unrelated business purposes.

If that proposal were adopted, clubs would be foreclosed from allocating their overhead expenses to unrelated activities unless those activities were so pervasive that a club's tax-exempt status would be endangered.

Walsh said that predicting the Treasury's response was impossible. He added, "At the very least, we hope that Treasury officials will take a close and honest look at these proposals. If they do, they'll surely see that tax-exempt clubs would be unfairly harmed by them."
Sherman Hollow outlook ‘optimistic’

BY PETER BLAIS

Sherman Hollow (VT) developers have finished presenting their case for a new golf course to local government officials and are "optimistic" they will receive a building permit for the controversial facility by mid-to-late-summer, according to principal Paul Truax.

Expert witnesses for the developers of the Huntington, VT, project concluded their testimony before the District 4 Environmental board in March.

Opponents, concerned about logging activities and pesticide contamination of ground water, began testifying April 9. Additional public hearings were scheduled April 25 and May 29, said Truax.

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TOCA, formed recently for “the advancement of the communications practices within the turf and ornamental industry,” has accepting applications for board and officers positions. Elections will be held at the conference, which will take place at the Marriott Suites Midtown Atlanta.

Members will tour the Atlanta Athletic Club, conducted by golf superintendent Ken Magnum, and the Atlanta Braves’ home, Fulton County Stadium.

People interested in more information may contact Don Gardner at 8500 Normandale Lake Blvd., Suite 1200, Bloomington, Minn. 55437.

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“What better way to meet the exploding demand for our grand and glorious game?” he asked. United States Golf Association President C. Grant Spaeth, of Palo Alto, Calif., told the ASGCA members gathered at the Inn at Spanish Bay, “Your selection of John Zoller as the honoree has touched on my theme, which is to provide “playable golf at reasonable prices” for all golfers.

“There are an awful lot of happy golfers in this part of the world because of John Zoller,” Spaeth said.

Zoller, an Ohio State University graduate who worked first as a course superintendent, then as a club manager before taking over the NCGA passed on his kudos.

Citing baseball, football and basketball scandals involving drugs and gambling, he gave examples of golfers’ actions that have carried on the sport’s code of honor — a code similar to King Arthur and the Round Table while other sports’ codes seem to derive from the James Gang.

During his 60 years in golf, Zoller said: “What is interesting to me is the growth of golf groups, such as this one (ASGCA), over the years, I’ve developed an enormous respect for each of these groups, for what they’ve accomplished and contributed to the game. Surely, the one that most offers the most creativity, and therefore the most satisfaction, is that of a golf course architect.”

Referring to “a pleasant and satisfying relationship with a number of golf architects” over the years, Zoller noted a successful course redesign with Bobby Jones’s firm. “In a field where there are many pretenders, this forever cemented in my mind the need for always associating with real professionals,” he said.

Zoller said he developed a sensitivity of how important the superintendent is to the golf architect and the continuity of original design after the architect is gone.

“This must certainly be frustrating when, after a few short years, integrity of your designs is lost either because of a careless superintendent or a misinformed or misinformed committees.”

“I must recognize the NCGA and the opportunity they gave me to be involved in the development of Poppy Hills,” he said. “For me, this was the thrill of a lifetime, and it was the result of being in the right place at the right time.

“To our knowledge, this is the first golf course fully owned by a regional golf association.”

With 120,000 members in the NCGA, he said, the first goal was to build a course that would appeal to golfers of all skill levels. The second was to support a lot of play.

“I think the result has achieved both of those goals. And beyond that, it offers quality golf on the Monterey Peninsula and at a very reasonable rate,” he said.

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## Survey of top-dressers/spreaders for courses

In this exclusive Golf Course News survey of top-dresser manufacturers, we have asked company officials to choose two models they would like featured. Some of these manufacturers make several other models. Abbreviations in the chart are as follows:

### Type:
- T-towing
- W-walk-behind
- TM-truck-mounted

### Drive mechanism:
- H-hydraulic
- G-ground

### Capacity:
- Cubic ft.

### Price (man. listed):
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- Belt and brush
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More play equals more pressure to top-dress

BY PETER BLAIS

The growth of golf has meant more play, more pressure on greens and thus the need for more frequent top dressing.

There are many benefits to top dressing, a technique employed since the 1800s, but used more frequently in the past 10 years as the game's popularity has grown, according to Jim Connolly, Northeast region agronomist with the United States Golf Association Green Section. They include:

• Providing a smoother putting surface. Golfer traffic causes many imperfections over the course of the season. The average 5,000-square-foot green requires one-third of a yard regular application of top dressing every two to three weeks during the growing season can yield a more uniform putting surface.

• Filling up aerification holes. Left unfilled, air spaces can develop as the holes fill in naturally and dimples form on the green. Top dressing fills the holes and levels the putting surface.

• Improving soil quality. A clay soil that compacts easily can be improved by light, frequent top dressings of a sandier material. Over two years, one to two inches of improved top soil can be laid down over the natural clay, rebuilding the soil from the top down.

• Protecting grass from winter kill. A late-season top dressing can protect the crown area during the winter months.

With so many different reasons to top dress, there must be many different types of machines to do the job. There are.

Top dresser manufacturers responding to this month's Golf Course News survey reported units that can be mounted on trucks, be pulled behind another vehicle or be pushed by a person.

They can hold from three to 30 cubic feet of material with hopper widths varying from 20 to 120 inches.

“We’re fortunate that our maintenance building is centrally located,” said Bruce Denning, head superintendent of Trumbull Country Club in Warren, Ohio. “Capacity is much more important if your facilities are way out and you have to keep running back for more sand.”

Top dressers have swathes ranging from two to 32 feet with feeding systems that include belts, brushes, spouts, drums, pendulums, discs and many others.

“The swath is important because I want the entire green to be done at once,” said Connolly. “The easier it’s done, the more uniform the result will be.”

Drive mechanisms range from PTOs, to hydraulic, to ground to roller chains.

And price? Start at $200 and continue up to almost $13,000.

“There are no bad machines out there,” said Connolly. “They all serve a purpose.”

The major difference is the amount of material various machines lay down. Regular top dressing applications require five to six cubic yards of material over 18 average-sized greens, explained Connolly. Eighteen aerified greens will require closer to 20 yards.

Ideally, Connolly said, a course should have at least two top dressers—one that will lay down a light layer in a minimal number of passes as part of a regular top dressing program, and a second that will distribute heavier amounts after aerification.

The trouble is, not all courses can afford it. Connolly estimates half the courses in the Northeast have at least two machines. That means the other half don’t.

Unfortunately, the more expensive machines are what the less wealthy clubs need. The big machines replace labor. It’s the nine-hole courses with no money that should have the most expensive equipment.”

Waterville (Maine) Country Club superintendent Kyle Evans’ situation is more the norm. Evans has a Vicon spreader he uses primarily for light applications and a Cushman unit for heavier ones.

Said Evans, “Sometimes we’ll have both going at the same time,” indicating he has a membership well educated in the importance of top dressing.

“Greens committees and golfers must realize superintendents need time to top dress,” said Connolly. “It can become a real battle. Of all the functions a superintendent does, this is the one that ties up the golf course. It can be a real deterrent, unless the superintendent is given that window of time to perform the job. Golfers must realize they’re cutting their own throats without it.”

With top dressers getting more powerful, they will likely have to be replaced more often.

“We upgrade or supplement our machines every three to five years,” said Mary “Patty” Knaggs, head superintendent at Westchester Country Club in Rye, N.Y. “We ask them to do twice as much now as we used to.”

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Industry urged: ‘Get out of your vacuum’

BY MARK LESLIE

People in every sector of the industry must "get out of their vacuum" and "go public" to change the perception that golf courses harm the environment, according to leaders of the Allied Associations of Golf.

Speaking at the annual conference of the American Society of Golf Course Architects at California's Monterey Peninsula, Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Vice President Steve Cadenelli said, "I can't overemphasize the importance of this public perception."

That sentiment was supported at the March 26 roundtable by Golf Course Builders of America President Perry Dye, ASEGA outgoing President Robert Trent Jones Jr., National Golf Foundation Executive Director Joseph Beditz, United States Golf Association Green Section spokesmen Bill Bengeyfield and Jim Snow, and GCSAA board member Bill Roberts.

Cadenelli said: "In 20 years in golf I have seen such a tremendous change. But one thing that seems not to have changed is the public perception. For one reason or another it is still not overwhelmingly positive about the game of golf. We have to get out of this vacuum of talking to ourselves, and start promoting the game and its positive attributes."

"Golf course superintendents are being forced to not only manage differently, but also to work in a world (that) does not know what golf is all about, does not have the love for the game, and which fully questions whether or not... a golf course is legitimate use of the land... especially in terms of the management of the courses, the use of fertilizers and pesticides."

Cadenelli said GCSAA "decided to take a pro-active stance in terms of the environment." The association, he said believes:

• Golf has the responsibility to be a solid environmental citizen and we believe that can be done.
• There are sites out there that may very often not be environmentally sound for any development.
• There are fragile ecosystems with plant life or animal life that have greater value than a possible development.
• Golf can enhance the existing land use or natural habitat.
• Large areas of land should be addressed as open space and that golf courses themselves should be considered open space.
• And golf can provide the critical balance between man, nature and the environment.

Cadenelli said much research is being done to develop pesticides that are more quickly biodegradable.

"There is no question there has been a tremendous overuse of fertilizer over the years, and we believe very strongly the use of fertilizers can be reduced and still maintain a sound, playable turf," he added.

"The thing we have to realize," said Roberts, "is that the level of (environmental) awareness in the American public is increasing and that is something we have to deal with."

Roberts cited a recent American Broadcasting Corporation news poll showing 90 percent of the public felt stronger action to clean the air and water should take priority for the nation's government and business leaders.

Responding to the Endangered Species Act, GCSAA members have begun a nationwide mapping system, tracking species on a county-by-county basis. "There may be some restriction on some materials — pesticides particularly — that can be used on those tracts of land," Roberts said.

Roberts said the GCSAA has established a dialogue with various people in the federal government.

"We've had a lot of dialogue with legislators on the Hill, but more specific dialogue with... the regulators who write the laws and who have responsibility for enforcing them... Those individuals are the ones we need to talk to," he said.

Jones urged further scientific research to persuade lawmakers not to overreact.

"One prefecture (state) in Japan has banned the use of pesticides," Jones said. "That kind of reactivity is not what we want to see over here."

Snow and Bengeyfield said the Green Section will soon take a giant step to fill the "gaps in knowledge" about the effects of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers on turf, ground water and the environment.

Bengeyfield, who retired April 1 as national director of the Green Section and was succeeded by Snow, said Spectrum Research Inc. has completed a review of everything known scientifically about these effects.

Snow said the 150-page report will show where the gaps in knowledge are, and "we will fill those gaps."

"The current and future of the USGA program is based on the Spectrum study," Snow said, adding that one of the Green Section's first tasks will be publishing a manual for superintendents, club officials, architects and others in the industry. "Then we will put out media reports to improve the public's perception of golf courses."

Snow said the report will also point the way for the fate of pesticides in a turfgrass environment.

"There have been a lot of studies, but nothing of a mass-balance approach. We want to justify with certainty the use of fertilizers," he said.

"We will develop a manual for pesticide programs. We will investigate new methods to ultimately eliminate pesticide use on golf courses."

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Species-finders endangering projects

By Mark Leslie

Opponents of proposed golf courses are hiring scientists for the sole purpose of finding threatened or endangered species that can nix projects, according to environmental experts.

"There are people who come out of our academic or regulatory systems that purposely go out and try and find a threatened or endangered species on a site and therefore stop the project," said Gary Anderson, director of the Williamsburg, Va., environmental consulting firm Espey, Huston & Associates, at the annual meeting of the American Society of Golf Course Architects.

"Finding a threatened species "doesn't necessarily represent a fatal flaw that would end a project," Anderson said. But it can cause a developer to "rack up hundreds of thousands of dollars in costs almost over-night."

While topography and planning restrictions are important, "environmental considerations "are fast becoming the dominant forces influencing the design of a modern golf course," said Anderson.

Espey, Huston & Associates staff engineer Ronald Boyd said findings that sites are environmentally or culturally sensitive are not a "fatal flaw." But a poor water supply may very well be a "fatal blow."

"Irrigation supply and water availability is an aquifer."

He said that since limitations on ground water approval are severe, developers should look in detail at ground water supplies, and how many aquifers must be tapped.

"The quality of ground water is usually better than surface water. It is more reliable and steadier. But you can generally remove a lot of pollutants from surface water."

The industry may have to look at options to ground or surface water, such as treated effluent and desalinated water, Boyd said.

"Effluent can be troublesome. Golf courses' needs are sporadic," Boyd said. "Plus it requires much research into what communities will allow."

As for desalination, "The costs...

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Bengeyfield said that while GCSAA "carried the ball alone and carried it very well" in supporting turfgrass research, "a year ago we rededicated ourselves to research, we've spent $3 million, and we've pledged to spend a lot more."

He said the EPA and others are interested in construction methods, stormwater handling, massive movement of soils, and testing of farmlands.

Dye said upcoming research will prove "golf courses are part of the solution, not part of the problem."

Dye said the buzz words for 1990, "as we try to build one golf course a day," are:

• spoon-feeding grasses instead of heavy applications, and spoon-feeding through irrigation; and
• soil-balancing and soil-mixing at the time of construction to be environmentally safe.

"As a builder," he said, "we get to deal with that environmentalist who is called the inspector, the person who actually walks out on the site. There is a major give-and-take today. We give up a lot more than we get, yet we have to be perceived as part of the solution, not part of the problem."

Beditz said the NGF will continue to educate its membership on the environment.

"You'll see that this November at the Golf Summit (at Palm Springs, Nov. 12-14)," he said.
Big time
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Marketable memberships are new to the United States but have been successful for 25 years in Japan. Successful enough to draw United States but have been successful for 25 per club.

major names into the IGM fold.

Japanese business and an international busi-

panies; Paul Ratchford, previously with Pebble Beach Co.; William Lattimore, most recently with The Landings at Skidway Island; Gary Harmon, formerly with Silicon Valley's Avan-

tek Corp.; Oakland, Calif., lawyer Harrison Robinson; Hiroshi Wada, former professor of Japanese business and an international busi-

ness consultant; Richard Thorman, formerly with the Rancho Santa Fe Golf Club; and D.J. Pakkala, former director of golf operations for Pebble Beach Co.

The marketable membership concept was strong enough to also persuade golf pro Tom Watson, former NCR Corp. president William S. Anderson and former United States Golf Association President Frank "Sandy" Tatum to join the board of directors.

With the sale of common stock in June, IGM will start "tasting land seriously through the entitlement process," Killip said. "Our expectation is to start turning dirt in some areas of the country by 1991."

Saying IGM is "trying to hit gateway and major business areas," Killip said the first 12 courses will include two in the Los Angeles and New York City areas and one apiece in San Diego, Atlanta, Washington, D.C., Chicago, Dallas, San Francisco, Seattle and San Jose or Monterey, Calif.

He said the sites were chosen following studies focusing on air traffic, major compa-

nies' markets, ease of access, and length of golf season.

Los Angeles, for instance, is "a big hub and a 365-day-a-year golfing area," he said.

"In some areas of the country, we could be 3-

1/2 years in the entitlement process. And in some places, it could be six months," Killip said.

Killip said he expects most of the members-

hips to be in place by 1995 and the first 12 clubs to be completed by 1998.

Killip said he expects IGM to spend an average of $50 million per course, including more than $17 million for each parcel of land. "One piece of land might cost $2 million or $3 million, while another could cost $25 million," he said.

That expense will buy the finest in luxury conference centers and courses, he said. The facilities will accommodate "groups of up to 10 to 20 for board meetings, negotiations. Not sales incentive groups," he said, "but rather the discreet meeting that needs some element of security, some element of privacy and also the availability of activities like golf."

The idea's acceptance in the business community has Killip enthused.

"We've had some focus groups, some one-

on-ones, a lot of conversations," he said. "The general reaction... is: 'The timing is absolutely perfect.'"

A number of private U.S. clubs have notified members that, because of tax reasons and discrimination rulings, they cannot be reimbursed for any business conducted at the clubs.

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Endangered

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Endangered species on the quality of the source and how much you have to treat it. If you take sea water, the cost is going to be very high. If you have slightly saline water, say from a shallow ground-water well in a coastal area, the costs come way better. We are headed toward better technology and cheaper treatment," Boyd said.

"In a major development the golf course becomes a viable location to the storm-water management concept—wet ponds, dry ponds that will serve the development," Boyd said. "Not only will you have a large pond that will serve as the irrigation supply but will also drain the storm water from the site."

"The other thing is treating storm-water runoff from the golf course. This is a very touchy subject because there are now studies coming out that show that golf courses don't actually have that much runoff. Healthy turf does not have a lot of runoff. The volume of runoff is diminishing, and so does the load of pollutants."

Meanwhile, golf course architects and developers are increasingly asked to perform "a balancing act" when encountering "sensitive" environmentally significant spots and coastal environments that can negatively impact delays, changes in design, course realignments or major engineering feats, according to Anderson.

Regarding wetlands, the Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have recently battled for jurisdiction over establishing ground rules. What finally emerged was the Unified Manual for Identification and Delineation of Wetlands. It expanded the endangered plant species list and tightened hydrology testing which, "have caused some real problems in how you deal with a site," Anderson said. "You can have American holly on your site and it is considered a wetland. It's wacko."

"Hydrology is now one of the major driving factors in determining what is a wetland," he added. In the past, if there was water at a certain depth from the surface of the soil for 10 consecutive days during the spring, a site was considered wetland. That two-month period has been expanded from February to June.

Anderson said the trend in coastal environments is toward access and stability. Permits are needed to develop along oceans, estuaries, rivers, streams and ponds.

Anderson said architects must also contend with "traditional questions and philosophies" like slope stability; erosion control, and protection of the shoreline.

Cultural resources found can often be more easily protected, said Anderson. In some cases the problem can be solved inexpensively, such as by covering over a culturally sensitive spot with a tee box or a green to protect it from earth-moving equipment. But in other cases, like the preservation of ocean shoreline, cost can exceed $1,000 a linear foot.

Referring again to the Endangered Species Act, Anderson said discovering "upfront" what species are on a site is crucial.

"If you don't ... you can really be in big trouble... This has stalled projects for a very, very long time," he said.

If a protected species is present, the simplest solution is often not to use the site, Anderson said. But that doesn't necessarily relieve the developer of all responsibility since migratory birds, like osprey and eagles, can cause problems just because they move from spot to spot. During the breeding season, no timber-cutting, ground-clearing, building, or road construction are allowed within one-quarter mile of the nest.

Anderson said President Bush has endorsed the "net loss policy," allowing some destruction if there is no net loss.

Developers must mitigate with authorities through avoidance, minimization (rearranging the design), and compensation.

Mitigation has also changed. While a one-for-one policy was once the rule, developers now frequently must replace damaged wetlands at a 3-to-1 rate.

The ratio of acres damaged to new ones created is often now three-for-one or more.

"The process took nine months. The developer probably spent another $200,000. He'd known up front, he would not have had to spend nearly that amount."

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ward it for quite some time."

was happy for his apprentices and said he has to apply.

"absolutely automatic" if they ever get the time.

thoughts and different interests, and also to train and help people," Fazio said.

"Tom (Marzolf) is very astute, very bright and has an A-1 personality," Fazio said.

Beljan's strength, he said, is "her ability to do the overall, to do multiple things, to be flexible, think about more than one thing at the same time — and her dedication." Beljan, who joins Alice Dye as the only female members of the ASGCA, said her election "is a dream of many years realized."

Asked if it might encourage other women to enter the world of golf course design, Beljan said: "It probably will. I haven't spoken with any specifically. I don't run into many women in the field, but it will encourage more women golfers, just as male golfers are being encouraged to be designers."

"There are more women landscape architects, and more women doctors and attorneys and CEOs. There will be more women who will aspire to this."

Beljan, who has worked on many courses with Fazio over the last 12 years, said she'd receive a test for golf course design like you can for a medical association or law, she said.

Key to qualifying for acceptance to the organization is that an applicant must have done work on at least five golf courses, and her list includes Florida courses Pelican's Nest in Boca Raton, Springs, Windstar on Naples Bay, Bluewater Bay in Niceville, Gateway in Ft. Meyers, and The Bayou Club at Boardmoor in Largo.

Recognition by her peers is what makes the election so important, she said. "You can't take a test for golf course design like you can for a medical association or law," she said.

Her next goal: "To continue designing golf courses with Tom Fazio, in collaboration with him, and trying to make every course better than the last one," she answered.

Chang, who earned a degree in architecture in China before coming to the United States to earn a master's degree in city planning from Georgia Tech, has worked with Willard Byrd in Atlanta, Ga., since 1973.

Byrd, he said, was "one of the few pioneers designing golf courses communities" — a fitting place for an urban planner fresh out of college.

"I like the outdoor work and spatial arrangement. I've always been interested in urban planning."
Brinkman vp sales at Jacobsen

Jacobsen Division of Textron has named Ned Brinkman vice president of sales and marketing. He is responsible for all company marketing and sales activities in the United States and Canada as well as the operation of company-owned distributorships in North America.

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Brinkman joined Jacobsen in 1966. He has held several sales posts, the most recent being vice president of sales.

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As a designer, Chang said, he began designing courses in the mid-1970s, developing real-estate plans and working golf courses into the designs as a green belt or open space.

"Designing a community with a course makes for a "very natural marriage," he said.

Chang said part of the reason for his excitement at being elected an associate member is the organization's work in proving "the benefits of golf courses to the environment, the social well-being and to the urban area as a whole. I feel thrilled to be a course designer."

Chang has been heavily involved with the Compton, Calif.-based company.

For the past five years Soh served as the president of Kubota Europe, and chairman of Kubota Deutschland GmbH.

Stoncreek appoints Lindquist

Stonecreek, The Golf Club, in Paradise Valley, Ariz., has named Gregg Lindquist as director of golf.

Prior to joining Stonecreek, Lindquist was a commercial real-estate specialist for Grubb and Ellis Co. in Tucson.

The Oaks appoints Treadway

The Oaks at Broken Sound in Boca Raton, Fla., has appointed Peter Treadway as director of golf.

Stoncreek's management company.

Stonecreek, The Golf Club, in Paradise Valley, Ariz., has named Gregg Lindquist as director of golf. Lindquist has served as the golf professional at Tuscan Country Club; Cherry Hills Country Club in Englewood, Colo.; Camelback Inn & Golf Club in Scottsdale, Ariz.; and Lincolnshire (Ill.) Resort.

Elsewhere...

American Golf Corp. has appointed Steve Harker to the newly created post of national sales director Harker joined American Golf Corp. in 1971 and recently was regional director responsible for operations in the San Diego region.

Jaroslav Jirí "Jerry" Olmr is director of engineering for Kohler's Engine Division. Olmr came to Kohler Co. from the Homelite Division of Textron, Inc., in Charlotte, N.C., where he served as vice president of engineering for the past five years.

Paul Brandon of Exton, Pa., is a district sales manager for the Mid-Atlantic region by Cushman.

Brondan was sales manager for turf maintenance equipment and supplies at Mid-Atlantic Equipment Corp in Collegeville, Pa.

Scott Moffitt is the new product manager for insecticides with Ciba-Geigy. He comes from the firm's animal health group, where he was product manager for Larvadex and other new products.
Melex buys assets of N.C. distributor

Melex USA, Inc., has acquired the operating assets of its North Carolina distributor Eddeutron, Inc. Melex, a golf car manufacturer, will retain Eddeutron’s key employees and two branches. The Fuquay-Varina, N.C., branch has been relocated to a larger showroom facility in Garner, N.C. The second branch will remain in Belews Creek, N.C., and will continue to be a major rebuilding/reconditioning center.

Both branches will continue to sell and service new cars and now give Melex an outlet for the disposition of its used cars.

Former Eddeutron President Ray Walsh has been employed by Melex as its national used car sales manager. He will also be responsible for new golf car sales in western North and South Carolina and southern Virginia.

C.W. Sharek, executive vice president of Melex, said: “We can now be more competitive since we’re factory-direct in North Carolina. Our customers will also appreciate our ability to deliver faster service, repairs on location and improved parts availability.”

Par Aide moves into new plant

Par Aide Products Co. has opened a new headquarters plant at 3565 Hoffman Road East in St. Paul, Minn. The new facility greatly improves the operating efficiency of both manufacturing and shipping, officials say.

President Steve Garske said: “For many years we’ve had a ‘same-day-shipping’ policy; but in the past few years it has been more and more difficult for our people to maintain it. With the tremendous increase in both our domestic and export business over the past few years, this new plant became an absolute necessity.”

Garske said the building also includes an expanded area for research and development of new products.

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Kubota introduced its newest products. In addition, the fifth annual Parts Fair was held in conjunction with the dealer meeting. It featured several guest speakers on topics such as marketing, selling techniques, and merchandising, as well as a model parts department, complete with products and customers.

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Jacobsen Division of Textron has named W.F. Miller Turf and Industrial Equipment Co. of Novi, Mich., to the company’s elite Golden Reel Club. Company President Hal Vogler accepted the award and a commemorative sports jacket from Jacobsen.

Golden Reel Club membership is available to companies that have won six Jacobsen Distributor of the Year Awards. W.F. Miller became eligible earlier in the awards ceremony.
GCA publishes accounting system

The Golf Course Association has released a Uniform System of Accounting Practice for Public and Resort Golf Courses which it agreed to develop as its part in furthering the Strategic Plan for Golf during Golf Summit '88.

The 48-page manual suggests standard accounting practices for public and resort golf courses to help the private or municipal owner, the lending and investment communities better understand the business of golf.

GCA's manual will serve as a basis for a survey which the National Golf Foundation will conduct to collect operating data from golf courses across the nation.

The survey will provide ratios of expense to revenue so often used in other businesses and service industries.

The GCA said that as the NGF annual surveys become increasingly representative over time, the golf industry will have a new tool to quantify the management of golf courses.

It is hoped the lending and investment communities will gain greater comfort levels with involvement in golf as a business.

The manual is the first offering of a standard system of accounting for public golf courses. The national accounting firm of Pannell, Kerr, Forster prepared input and designed the manual to meet GCA's needs.

The manual is being sent free to each of GCA's 350 members. "Accounting for Public and Resort Golf Courses" will be sold through the NGF for $30 from the Golf Course Association, 8800 Cedar Ave., Suite 228, Minneapolis, Minn., 55425. Circle No 253

NEW LITERATURE

Cushman Front Line units unveiled

The newest catalog covering the full line of Cushman Front Line Mowers has been published by Cushman, Inc.

The full-color catalog covers the 806 and 808 gas-powered, liquid-cooled engine models, the 804 air-cooled gas engine Front Line and the 806 and 807 diesel-powered models.

All models can be equipped with either 60-inch or 72-inch diameter decks, which have pin-adjustable mounts for eight different mowing height positions.

The catalog also illustrates the new Cushman Grass Caddy attachment with special Top Flow deck for positive pickup of clippings and debris.

Also shown is the Cushman Core Destroyer attachment and the full range of accessories for the Front Line tractors, including snowblower, snow blade, high output heater/de-froster for liquid-cooled models, ROPS and two cab enclosures, blower, fall mower and tire rake dethatcher.

For a free copy of the new Cushman Front Line Mower and Accessories catalog, see your local Cushman dealer or write: Cushman, P.O. Box 8400, Lincoln, Neb. 68501. Or call 800-228-4444. Circle No 256

NGF catalog gives in-depth list of manuals

The National Golf Foundation's 1990 Winter Edition Information Services Catalog is available. The catalog offers hundreds of technical manuals and publications, research reports, instruction books and videos on instruction, coaching and teaching.

The research reports offered include Golf Participation in the United States, Golf Facilities in the United States, Golf Consumer Profile, and condensed informational summaries on every aspect of the golf business.

The catalog also contains a comprehensive library of guides and handbooks dealing with golf course development and the operation of golf facilities, and a selection of books and videos on instruction, coaching and teaching.

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August
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September
4-6 — The Institute of Groundsmanship's Sports & Leisure World Trade Exhibition at the East of England Showground in Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, United Kingdom. For more information contact Milton Keynes at The Institute of Groundsmanship, 19-23 Church St., The Agora, Wolverton, Buckinghamshire MK12 5LG; telephone 0908-312511.

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28-30 — Second Golf Course Europe, an international exhibition and conference on the design, construction and maintenance of golf courses and golf club management, at Le Parc des Expositions in du Bourget, Paris, France. Contact Ellen MacGillavry at Expoconsult, Industrieweg 54, P.O. Box 200, 3600 AE Maarssen, Holland; 03465-73777.

December
19-12 — 21st Annual Georgia Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show at the Hyatt Atlanta Airport, Contact Karen Lavender at 912-681-5189 or Esther White at 404-447-4986.
12-14 — Second Annual Pacific Coast Turf and Landscape Conference and Trade Show at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center in Seattle, Wash. The conference and show are sponsored by the Western Washington Golf Course Superintendents Association and Jones and Associates. Contact Jones and Associates, Park Center, Suite 200, N. 908 Howard St., Spokane, Wash. 99201-2261; 509-327-5904.

January 1991
‘Don’t tread on me’ has special meaning at Indy

BY DOUGLAS BOLES

Charlie Thompson isn’t pledging a fraternity. But cleaning up following one of the biggest parties anywhere in the world has become an annual duty.

Every year following the running of the Indianapolis 500 Mile Race, Thompson cleans the inside of the 2.5-mile oval, including a nine-hole golf course, located in the middle of the 81-year-old racing circuit.

Located on the west side of Indiana’s capital city, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway golf course was originally built in 1928. It consisted of nine holes inside the track and nine more just outside on grounds owned by the Speedway.

In 1964 another nine holes were added outside the facility and the course attracted the Professional Golfers Association. The PGA played a couple tournaments on the grounds in the late 1960s.

The 27-hole course is open to the public from April 1 to mid-October and its surroundings provide an interesting atmosphere. When practice is being held on the race course during May, golfers can follow the sounds of the cars all the way around the superspeedway. They can also see the cars as they speed down the back stretch at nearly 230 miles per hour.

But it’s not just the atmosphere that makes this course unique. It’s the abuse the nine holes within the facility endure on a particular day in May... Race Day.

Preparation for ‘Race Day’ and the nearly 500,000 spectators who jam into the grounds begins early in the month. Thompson, the IMS grounds superintendent, has the greens and tees roped off and striped with a white water-based paint to keep people from walking on them, or worse, driving their vehicles across them. Later, the fairways themselves are striped with white paint forming a makeshift parking lot for 10,000 vehicles.

“We have approximately 10,000 cars park on the golf course on Race Day,” Thompson said. “It becomes the world’s biggest used car lot” And Race Day isn’t all the golf course endures. The three weeks prior to Race Day, the grounds are open for four qualification and 13 practice days. Total attendance reaches nearly 250,000 on a couple of those days.

When the gates to the Speedway open up at 5 a.m. Race Day, the thousands of people who roam the streets surrounding the track make the party inside.

Motorcycles race across the fairways, Jeeps, cars and trucks battle for the best vantage points. And people in dunes run for their favorite spots to throw down their lawn chairs, coolers and grills.

It’s been said that the “human race” into the track is more exciting than the automobile contest. But for anyone interested in the destruction of the course’s greens, the atmosphere is one of anticipation. And any damage done to the fairways is accidental. "They don’t do anything intentionally."

Exiting the Speedway after the race is much slower and more controlled than the morning entrance. Nevertheless, the automobile and pedestrian traffic, along with the mounds of trash piling up on the golf course, transforms the playing surface to look more like the local landfill than a unique recreation area.

This is where Thompson gets excited and senses his monumental challenge of cleaning the course.

The day following the race, a Monday, Thompson heads a crew of 100 strong as they set out on the primary objective of reclaiming the course. "We can clean it in one day," Thompson spouts with the confidence of Mario Andretti. "Then he changes his mind. "Well, really, it depends on the trash. A lot of times we can have it done in half day."

Spread out at equal intervals along the course, the crew of temporary help makes initial passes across the garage-covered golf course. Armed with nothing more than bare hands and a push basket, the crew carefully removes debris, occasionally emptying the contents of their baskets into one of two carts ready to haul garbage out of the grounds.

The care-free attitude of the spectators is evidenced in the garbage left behind. More is found than the usual pop and beer cans.

“We find everything out there,” Thompson says. “Cars, burned cars, motorcycles, sofas, chairs, coolers, lawn chairs. Just about anything. It’s amazing what people will leave.”

And it’s amazing that Thompson and crew are able to pick it all up. They don’t even leave leaves.

After a second pass across the course, note piece of trash can be found. Following the clean-up, a damage assessment is performed on the fairways. Ruts, burned grass, spots with no grass and other defects are quickly attended to.

The rats are filled in and reseeding is completed where needed throughout the course. "The atmosphere is so tight, keep golfers from slowing the healing process."

And, in under a week, the golf course is as good as new, Thompson says.

"It’s an interesting transformation," he says of the clean-up. "I think it’s rather unique."

The party may be over, and there may not be a fraternity pin on his sweater, but Charlie Thompson clearly deserves a handshake.

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