Florida spearheads change
Summit brings all sides together

BY KIT BRADshaw
Golf in Florida is a cornucopia, pouring $5.2 billion annually not only into the golf industry, but into resorts, restaurants, agriculture, real estate, tourism, retail sales and services. But the economic impact of golf as a business and the environmental benefit of golf courses must be recognized and understood by the public, legislators and governmental regulators.

Pebble Beach course facelift going full tilt

BY FRANK POLLARD
Plagued by drought and turf problems, Pebble Beach Co. on California’s Monterey Peninsula faces an aggressive renovation program at the hands of its new owners. Prior to the billion-dollar sale of Pebble Beach Co. to Ben Hogan Properties, Inc., officials at the facility had started an extensive program to restore Pebble Beach Golf Links to its original design. At the same time, though plagued by drought, Pebble Beach was undertaking a program of additional course changes to meet the stringent requirements of the U.S. Golf Association for the U.S. Open, scheduled there in June 1992. The primary challenge was eradicating Kikuyugrass and all noxious weeds from the tees, aprons, collars, fairways and rough.

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Flood hits Augusta National and others

BY MARK LESLIE
Augusta National Golf Club lost its entire 11th green complex, Augusta Country Club faced washed-out riprap and one-quarter inch of silt on its 8th green, and other courses in Georgia and South Carolina dealt with their own problems after receiving as much as 15 inches of rain Oct. 10–12. Tropical storms Klaus, Lily and Marco converged in a deluge creating the equivalent of 50-year floods in some areas.

Many courses simply watched the heavens open for two days and waited as the water soaked into the ground.

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Calif. supers in suspense
BY PETER BLAIS
Californians will vote this month on two ballot questions dealing with pesticides that could greatly affect how golf course superintendents do their job. Proposition 128, commonly called the Big Green initiative, would ban 70 to 80 percent of common pesticides used in agriculture, many of which

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On the Green
Beating the crowds with backyard greens

The 13th hole at Iowa Shoreline Golf Course shows how well Wynn of Rapid City, S.D., designed the course in Carter Lake, "derelict land" can be turned into green space. Architect Patrick Wyss of Rapid City, S.D., designed the course in Carter Lake, Iowa. For more on new courses, see page 11.