Fazio repeats as best designer

By Mark Leslie

Tom Fazio, whose stock continues to rise, has repeated as Golf Course Architect of the Year for 1990. Fazio, with offices in Hendersonville, N.C., and Jupiter, Fla., received 31 percent of the votes cast in Golf Course News’ second annual survey of the nation’s architects.

Rees Jones of Montclair, N.J., finished runner-up for the second straight year, with 21 percent of the vote. Jay Morrish of Tubo, Olds, who designs courses with TOUR pro Tom Weiskopf, received 19 percent and placed third.

"It’s just sensational what’s happening in golf, and the kinds of golf courses and products being done," Fazio said. "The competition level in golf is so high. The desire for quality, dramatics, sensational, tremendous golf is out there and it’s an exciting time."

Asked if 1990 was his best year, Fazio said: "Maybe in terms of five spectacular sites." Yet he raved about the courses that will be completed this year.

"I have a site in Michigan (Treetops Golf Course) that I think is one of the few.

A tale of two cities

Kansas City and St. Louis approach the growth of golf in two distinct ways

Golf Construction in U.S.

U.S. first-half activity: 1990 vs 1989

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Cadenelli to be ‘Education President’

By Peter Blais

The Education President. It’s a title many want, but few deserve. Stephen Cadenelli is one of the few.

The incoming president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America wanted to be a teacher when he graduated with a bachelor’s degree in education in 1970. But teaching jobs were scarce 20 years ago. So when several months spent pounding the pavement of academia led nowhere, Cadenelli followed the blueprint to Greenock Country Club in Lee, Mass.

The head superintendent at Greenock was Peter Solinelli, Cadenelli’s fellow co-captain from their days on the local high school football team. Solinelli hired his former teammate as his assistant.

"Initially, I was just filling in," remembered Cadenelli, who was promoted to head superintendent.

Tax abatement saves clubs thousands

By Peter Blais

The National Club Association claims it saved tax-exempt clubs thousands of dollars in penalties by intervening with the Internal Revenue Service in the U.S. Supreme Court’s Portland Golf Club v Commissioner of Internal Revenue case.

The savings for an average club with a $10,000 unrelated business income tax liability could be as much as $4,500.