Florida Golf Council's back to wall

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Bob blasts Cape Cod courses

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It was a nightmare of force. Driven by 90- to 100-mile-per-hour winds, Hurricane Bob washed thousands of tons of sand and seaweed and as much as six feet of deadly salt water onto Cape Cod golf courses on Aug. 19, leaving them inundated with destruction.

Cleanup chores, turf treatment, reseeds, replantings and repainting kept groundskeeping and clubhouse crews busy into September.

The ocean flooded in on New Seabury golf course, inundating the front nine holes. Taking a breather 10 days into cleanup, a crew member at Fall River (Mass.) Country Club summed it up succinctly: "It's a mess." Water was five to six feet deep over parts of Kittansett Club in Marion, which sits

EEC to intensify competition in golf industry

By Peter Blais

The European Economic Commission's efforts to create a single European market by the end of 1992 has created opportunities and intensified competition among golf course developers and industry suppliers.

The 12-member European Community, which traces its roots back to the 1957 Treaty of Rome, is debating nearly 300 legislative initiatives designed to further enhance the free movement of goods, persons, services and capital between member countries. Most are scheduled for adoption by Dec. 31, 1992.

Golf Course Europe gaining numbers

WIESBADEN, Germany — The third Golf Course Europe Conference here Oct. 7-9 is so large that organizers already are planning the next show in Paris late in October of 1992.

Ellen MacGillavry of Expoconsult anticipates between 400 and 450 exhibitors, including a first-ever Japanese exhibit. Shunsuke Kato is involved in a

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