HURRICANE RELIEF SENT
South Florida golf course maintenance employees whose homes were destroyed or damaged by Hurricane Andrew are getting help from their "golf family." The Florida GCSA has established a relief fund. First financial shot was fired by the Palm Beach GCSA, which donated $1,000. West Virginia's GCSA matched that. The Carolinas and Georgia GCSAs were as quick to offer assistance. Relief fund checks payable to the FGCSA should be sent to 7009 Northwest Pine Lake Drive, Stuart, Fl., 34946; phone number is 407-692-9349.

LAKE CONFERENCE HELD
CINCINNATI — The North American Lake Management Society's (NALMS) 12th annual International Symposium, geared to protecting and enhancing surface water quality, will be held here Nov. 3-7. While many of the workshop topics will be technical, there will be many presentations for volunteers who monitor water quality. The symposium comes during the 25-year Clean Water Act, which is under review and revision by Congress. More information is available from NALMS, One Progress Blvd., Box 27, Alachua, Fl., 32615; 904-462-2554.

COURSES NABS RODGERS
FRESNO, Calif. — Gary Rodgers, superintendent at Riverside Golf Course and former board member of the Central California Chapter of the GCA of California, has been named director of maintenance and construction for CourseCo, Inc. Based in Fresno, he will coordinate and oversee maintenance and construction at all CourseCo-managed facilities.

HAYES GCSA EDUCATION MANAGER
The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America has named Alan Hayes education manager for technical training. Hayes will conduct and refine spray technician seminars and help develop other topics for the organization's technical training.

TAAGEN HIRED AT CORDILLERA
EDWARDS, Colo. — Cordilera has hired Timothy T. Taagen superintendent, according to Gerry Engle, project general manager. Taagen will be responsible for all facets of construction, operation and maintenance for the 7,000-yard, par-72 Hale Irwin-designed course, which is scheduled to open with all 18 holes in 1994. Taagen, 28, has worked for three of the top 25 courses in the country. Most recently, he was superintendent at Green Gables Country Club in Denver. Prior to this, he was Assistant Superintendent at Cherry Hills Country Club in Denver.

HydroJect's influences debated
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By PAT LUCAS
Not since the introduction of the triplex aerator has a single piece of equipment generated as much interest as the Toro HydroJect (HJ). Its initial attraction was that it allows you to aerify with only minimum surface disturbance. But after a year-and-a-half on the market, what most superintendents are more interested in knowing is, "Does it really work?"

Though admittedly, there's still a lot to be learned, I and several other area superintendents who have used the HJ extensively can shed some light on the inner workings — and the pros and cons — of the machine.

My hope is that they'll spare you hours of trial and error when operating the Toro HydroJect on your course.

Bob Alonzi, GCDS, Winged Foot Golf Club, Mamaroneck, N.Y.
Objective: We're a heavily played club, so we get a lot of soil compaction particularly in June, July, and August. Our prime objective with the Hydroject was to try to aerate and compact without inconveniencing our membership.
Use: Last year, we did all the greens twice during the summer and once late fall. The full treatment was intended to improve drainage during the winter.
This year, we went out in July and again just recently to alleviate any stress.

Results: The HJ, combined with other practices, such as summer pinch control, and spring and fall coring does seem to help combat the effects of heavy play on our small greens. It's hard to tell, though, whether our fall treatment did improve drainage.

Comments: A concern I have with long-term use of the HJ is soil separation below the surface. This situation should be carefully monitored. I don't think the HJ replaces coring. Coring allows you to modify the soil by incorporating amendments into the holes. I think, for now, it's best to stick to a program that combines conventional coring with deep aeration and HJ use during the summer. If nothing else, this type of program will offer a better balance in fighting compaction.

John Gallagher, Rainbow Country Club, Orange, Conn.
Objective: Our greens suffer from soil compaction, which has created puddling, reduced infiltration, and shallow rooting. To remedy some of these problems with only minimal disruption to the playing surface we began using the HydroJect last year.
Use: We do some of our problem greens once a week during the season. Not necessary

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