NEWS IN BRIEF

MARYSVILLE, Ohio — One-year results from a yard compost study conducted by O. M. Scott & Sons finds no detectable levels of pesticides, herbicides, PCBs or dioxins in the final compost. Scott is testing yard compost from several counties in central Ohio.

TAYLOR, Texas — Construction of an 18-hole golf course on 300 mostly vacant acres in Taylor’s southwest section may benefit the site’s contaminated soils. Soil samples at the site have indicated higher than normal concentrations of copper, lead and zinc. The architectural firm of Arthur Hill & Associates, Toledo, Ohio, has been among consultants working on the estimated $9 million project.

METHYL BROMIDE, the world’s most widely-used pesticide, recently was declared an ozone depleter by the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, a group of nations that signed a treaty to protect the ozone layer. The group agreed that by 1995, production and use would be frozen at 1991 levels.

BERWICK TOWNSHIP, Pa. — The Pennsylvania Dept. of Environmental Resources is the last hurdle for a planned $1 million, 18-hole golf course here. Property owner Michael Bross said tentative course plans were submitted to Berwick Township six months ago. Bross’ area is one of three in the township under a building moratorium imposed last December by DEP because of malfunctioning septic systems.

DAVIS, Calif. — Davis has been planning for three years to expand the 18-hole Davis Municipal GC. City officials now are poised to act, but officials in Yolo County, site of the targeted 150 acres south of the course, are concerned about agricultural buffers, conservation easements and the project’s possible growth-inducing aspects.

Feast replaces famine in once-arid California

The first hole at Altoo Creek Golf Course, a nine-hole tract in South Laguna Beach, Calif. The creek overflowed its banks during the heavy rains of January and was closed for two weeks.

True Temper Sports president named chairman of NGF

ORLANDO, Fla. — Ed Van Dyke, president of True Temper Sports, has been elected chairman of the National Golf Foundation’s board of directors. He succeeds Chuck Yasih, president of Taylor Made Golf.

The election of officers took place at February’s NGF Board meeting at the Clarion Hotel. Also elected were: Vice Chairman Ed Abrain, vice president/general manager, Golf Division, Wilson Sporting Goods Co.; Secretary Patrick O’Grady, senior vice president/general manager, Golf Division, Etonic, Inc.; Treasurer Peter Bonanni, publisher, GOLF Magazine and President & CEO Joseph F. Beditz, NGF.

Bloom elected to second term as USGA president

FARHILL, N.J. — Stuart F. Bloom of Wheeling, W. Va., has been elected to his second one-year term as the 52nd President of the United States Golf Association.

The election of USGA officers took place during the 99th Annual Meeting of the USGA held Feb. 6, 1993, in Nashville, Tenn. Other officers elected were: Reg Murphy, Baltimore, Md., vice-president; M.J. Mastalir Jr., Denver, Colo., vice-president; Judy Bell, Colorado Springs, Colo., secretary; F. Morgan Taylor Jr., Hobe Sound, Fla., treasurer; Leroy C. Richie, Birmingham, Mich., general counsel.

Trenton, N.J. — Peter Hajeski, president of Trenton Golf Co., is the new president of the New Jersey Golf Association. The election of USGA officers took place during the 99th Annual Meeting of the USGA held Feb. 6, 1993, in Nashville, Tenn. Other officers elected were: Reg Murphy, Baltimore, Md., vice-president; M.J. Mastalir Jr., Denver, Colo., vice-president; Judy Bell, Colorado Springs, Colo., secretary, F. Morgan Taylor Jr., Hobe Sound, Fla., treasurer; Leroy C. Richie, Birmingham, Mich., general counsel.

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