American Society of Landscape Architects will share information and ideas and technology available to the architects and related professionals 8-11, when thousands of landscape professionals gather for the annual meeting concept here, Oct. 8-11, when thousands of landscape architects and related professionals will share information and ideas and experiment with the latest technology available to the profession. The meeting’s focus will be on water issues.

KENOVA BUSY IN MEXICO
GUADALAJARA, Mexico — Kenova Construction Corp. of West Palm Beach, Fla., has been awarded its second golf course contract in Mexico. The project encompasses 650 acres in the mountains here above Guadalajara City. Kenova built Club de Golf Malinalco outside Mexico City last year. Having been approved as a major U.S. exporter, Kenova also is able to arrange financing for qualified foreign developers through our U.S. bank.

D.A.I.T LINKS FIRST DESIGN PACT
MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — John Daly is working with developers here on the design of a Scottish links-style golf course that will open in fall 1993. The course, is the first golf course project for Daly, who is serving as player-consultant to architect Clyde Johnston. The course is a project a Southpart Golf Group Ltd. Partnership.

ARCHITECTS SESSION READIED
SAN FRANCISCO — The impact of wetlands preservation, disabilities regulations and efficient availability on golf course construction will be the focus of the annual American Society of Golf Course Architects conference here, April 16-20. Led by President Jerry Matthews, the conference at the Pan Pacific Hotel will feature past President Dick Phelps speaking on “Implications of Americans With Disabilities Act Legislation on Design of New and Remodeled Courses”, Dr. Ali Haravandi of the University of California on “The Impact of Effluent Availability on New Course Construction”; and Dr. Mike Josselyn of Wetland Research Associations on “The Impact of New Wetlands Legislation.”

GCBAA President Kirchdorfer calls for industry to promote game
By MARK LESLIE
LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Saying that golf course builders “keep taking the game of golf to another level in quality,” the new president of the Golf Course Builders Association of America (GCBAA) has assumed a positive outlook on the association’s role in the industry.

“I envision the golf course builders spending time and resources to promote the game,” said James J. Kirchdorfer, president of Irrigation Supply Co. in Louisville, Ky. “We need to be doing things that help our industry, so that there are more courses being built and remodeled and this, of course, brings business to our members.”

Kirchdorfer knows of which he speaks. Since starting Irrigation Supply Co. in...
Kirchdorfer says builders' data base to help developers

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1992, he has worked extensively on golf courses, and now even operates and develops them. He is president of Golf Development Co., which owns 27-hole Quail Chase Golf Course here; Kirchdorfer-Cunningham Inc., which owns 18-hole Hidden Creek in Sellersburg, Ind.; and Golf Development Construction Inc., a builder.

Toward the task of contributing to the industry, Kirchdorfer said the GCBAA intends to create a database on golf course construction costs. "We want to provide valuable information that steers owners and developers in the right direction, so they can afford to build the course they desire," he said.

He also wants to work closely with architects and other allied associations to make the industry "more professional" — which ultimately provides the consumer a better product at a cost they can afford.

To improve professionalism, GCBAA will continue its year-old certification program, educating and testing members to ensure their expertise.

"That is a real strong point of our association," Kirchdorfer said. "We can give architects, owners and others a list of qualified builders. Builders who become certified are taking pride in what they do and are saying they are willing to continue their education, develop better ways to build golf courses, and turn the wishes of the owners and architects into reality."

He said members are "conscious we need big and little companies. We need to involve remodelers, small construction companies in regional areas that don't build major projects but have big impact on their area."

"We want to educate them. We want them to do things right and have the latest technologies."

Responding to the announcement that 1993 marked the third straight year more than 350 courses opened, Kirchdorfer said: "It's a growing, growing business. The real growth is in the nice, affordable public golf courses. They offer a lot to our builders — and the players. That makes the facilities remodel that aren't quite as good. We keep taking the game of golf to another level in quality."

Involved in the GCBAA since its inception in 1970, Kirchdorfer said of his presidency: "I'm excited. I think we have a way to do. We'd like a lot of growth. And I look forward to watching and helping direct golf course builders as they grow and work with Phil [Executive Director Phil Arnold]. Phil's our spark plug."

Q&A: DeVictor

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GCN: Are you anxious about the effects on your work?

De: Initially, I was anxious as to how it might negatively impact our developments, and I was protective of that. But since our conversations with representatives from Clemson and the handicapped, we have gained a comfort level. Most golf course design is incorporating 80 or 90 percent of these issues without even being conscious of it. So when the design community becomes aware of them, it will be very easy to incorporate that last 10 or 20 percent into the design.

GCN: Has this opened your eyes as to how restrictive golf has been in the past to the handicapped?

De: Yes, but I think I don't have a full understanding. I think more restrictive than the golf course are the attitudes, unfortunately, in the pro shop or among management when an individual shows up in a wheelchair. I haven't seen that. It's not a big deal to me relative to the golf course. But I can imagine it will be a bigger perception thing in the golfing community, and the impact, or lack of impact, to the golf course. I don't think it will have any impact on speed of play. I've heard stories where a disabled group has let another group play through only to wait for them at every tee.

Barbaron building at Cypress Lake

LAKELAND, Fla. — Barbaron, Inc. of Crystal River has been selected by Cypress Lakes Ventures to construct a new 18-hole additional course at the Cypress Lake Golf and Country Club here. The course has been designed by Powell Golf Design of Bradenton and is scheduled to open in the early fall.