Mislaced concern drives EPA regulatory policy

The ultimate fate of America's golfing public was relegated to secondary importance when Dr. Barron Treece reported the results of his GCSAA-commissioned Mortality Study last month in Dallas.

Kross, an associate professor of epidemiology at the University of Iowa, reported that, historically, golf course superintendents have been more likely to die of cancer than the general public.

"In 1994 — Take note: Quotes worth remembering from Dallas '94'

A ttitudes and foundations. These are what the International Golf Course Conference and Show provided at four-day staking of letters and notes quoted gleaned at the conference. Here they are, starting with his: "The longer I live the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude to me is more important than facts. It is more important than the past. Than education. Than money. Than education. Than success. Than what other people think of you. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skills. It will make or break a company, a church, a home. The remarkable thing is, we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we want to live for. We cannot change our past. And we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10 percent what happens to me and 90 percent how I react to it. And so it is with you. We are in charge of our attitudes."

"I 0 no copyrights here: "I don't know how people can copy golf holes. It's impossible. We couldn't even copy our own," said Roger Maxwell of Sunset to replicate a par-3 hole on all the Jones Trail courses in Alabama.

Hurdzan invades the links: Hearing a long-winded congratulatory letter from President Clinton, Old Tom Morris Award winner Byron Nelson said: "It goes on and on, doesn't it? If he keeps writing like that I might have to take him aside."

Factoids remedy, bring on the TV cameras: Ron Dodson, president of the Audubon Society of New York: "We can deal with factoids with Preparation F."

Mark Leslie, managing editor

Letters

HURDZAN ANSWERS EPA CHIEF

Michael J. Hurdzan, who heads Hurdzan Golf Course Design, Inc., in Columbus, Ohio, sent Golf Course News this copy of his letter to EPA Administrator Carol N. Browner.

To the editor:

The January issue of Golf Course News contained a puzzling juxtaposition of factoids, enviro-politi- cal trends and scientific research, of course, finishes third in that lineup.

Factoids, as the late Dixie Lee Ray said, are false, exaggerated or misleading beliefs which gain acceptance by frequent repetition. Golfer must learn to recognize factoids and reject them. The guest commentary by EPA administrator Carol Browner is a good place to start. Each factoid is followed by a factual statement: the "whole truth" as science knows it.

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