AGC expands centralized reservations

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — American Golf Corp. has expanded its centralized reservation tee time service into Los Angeles.

By calling 310-829-GOLF, golfers are able to book tee times at six golf courses currently on the system. The courses include Brookside, Camarillo Springs, Fullerton, Mountain Meadows, Vista Valencia and Westchester.

Two courses in the Palm Springs area, Mesquite Country Club and Desert Dunes Golf Course, have been added to the reservation center.

American Golf developed its centralized reservation tee time service in Phoenix in 1992 to handle seven of its resort and public courses. The reservation center was conceived to aid resident golfers, travel agents, hospitality industry employees and inbound Arizona tourists, allowing easy accessibility to make tee times up to sixty days in advance.

"Over the past number of years it has become increasingly difficult to book tee times in these two popular destination resort markets," said American Golf's President of the Resort and Public Division, Kevin Roberts. "Our goal is to simply make it easier and more convenient for the public to gain accessibility to a tee time that fits their schedule."

Golfers throughout the country are now able to access American Golf's Arizona courses by dialing 1-800-GO-TRY-18.

VARGAS BOOK OFF THE PRESS

Completely revised and updated, Management of Turfgrass Diseases, 2nd Edition, by Dr. Joe Vargas Jr. of Michigan State University, is off the press. Management of Turfgrass Diseases, 2nd Edition covers cultural, genetic, biological, and chemical approaches to turfgrass diseases and provides practical solutions to everyday problems.

The book covers cool- and warm-season grasses, growing conditions, new diseases, and symptoms. Management..., 2nd Edition is available for $29.95 from Lewis Publishers; 121 South Main St., P.O. Box 519, Chelsea, MI, 48118.

Theft reported at Illinois course

CARPENTERSVILLE, ILL. — Due to the stealing of more than $55,000 in cash and merchandise from Dundee Township Park District's two golf courses, park officials say this year's scheduled improvements at the courses could be reduced.

Executive Director Tom Mammoser discovered shortages of at least $37,814 in cash and $17,835 in various pro shop merchandise and clothing at both Randall Oaks and Bonnie Dundee golf courses.

"This would not make us raise fees or raise taxes," park board President Al Huffman told The Courier News. "Where it might hurt is that there will be that much less money to do some of the improvements we had scheduled at Randall and Bonnie."

The Kane County sheriff's office is investigating former park district employees as the leading suspects in the case. All five full-time employees were suspended from their duties while district officials interviewed them.

Vernon Hills project to include 18 holes

VERNON HILLS, ILL. — A new 18-hole golf course and 2,121 housing units are included in the plan to develop the Cuneo farm here.

The proposal would increase the village's size by one-third and its population by as much as 6,000. Open space in the plan includes two lakes, the 200-acre municipal course and 90 acres of park.