TOURNEY TO ENDOW DUCH FUND
OAKMONT, Pa. — Oakmont Country Club will host the inaugural benefit golf tournament for the Joseph M. Duich Club to honor the efforts of Dr. Duich and other professors in the turf project at the university. Interest from the endowment will fund projects crucial to continuing turfgrass research, teaching and extension, according to Oakmont superintendent Mark Kuhns, who is chairman of the tournament. More information is available from Kuhns at 412-828-5567.

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED
The governor of Nevada has signed a law redefining "golf cart" for the purpose of properly registering motor vehicles. Under the legislation, "golf cart" is defined as 1) having no fewer than three wheels in contact with the ground; and 2) designed to carry golf equipment and not more than four persons, including the driver. According to the National Club Association newsletter, vehicles meeting those criteria do not have to be registered as long as they remain on golf courses and designated areas and are operated during daylight hours.

FAZIO TABBED FOR OLD TOM MORRIS
ORLANDO, Fla. — Course architect Tom Fazio will receive the Old Tom Morris Award from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America at the GCSAA's international conference and show here next Feb. 10. The award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the game. GCSAA President Gary T. Gigg strutted Fazio's "commitment to the game and to his community — especially all the personal time he devotes to the Boys and Girls Clubs — is a great example of the spirit that Old Tom brought to golf."

CONFERENCE COMBINED
BOSTON — The Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England is joining forces with the Massachusetts Turf and Lawngrass Association to sponsor the Massachusetts Turf Conference in future years. The conference will move from Springfield to the Marriott Codroy Plaza Hotel here, beginning next Jan. 15-17.

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GCSAA reaching out to educate through Audubon School Program

By MARK LESLIE

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ELKIRK, N.Y. — The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) has committed to sponsor the Audubon movement. It's the right thing to do. “It even gives us a stronger interest in helping to support and promote the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses. As more courses get involved in that program, that will likely increase participation in our program. The two are indirectly tied.”

GCSAA officials expect to get the

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Grass carp legislation falls short of supers' hopes

By PETER BLAIS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Water may be good for fish, but a watered-down legislative bill is of little use to the sterile grass carp or golf courses, according to the president of the California Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Peter Bowman and other supporters of the grass carp, or white amur as it is also called, had hoped the state Senate would approve a bill allowing use of the exotic, weed-eating fish in any golf course pond not draining into the Sacramento or San Joaquin rivers, the state's two major watersheds north of Los Angeles.

The grass carp, which reaches weights of 80 pounds or more, can eat quantities of weeds and algae. More than half the states have approved golf course use of the fish as an environmentally friendly alternative to herbicide use.

"Grass carp can be sterilized so that they won't breed," said Bowman, who is head superintendent at Merced Hills Golf Club. "The sterilization is successful in more than 99 percent."

But it was that 1 percent of unsuccessful sterilizations that skewed lawmakers.

Facing the possibility that fertile fish could somehow find their way into the rivers — where they could mate and produce offspring that would threaten the ecosystem of other fish — the Senate recently approved a revised bill that

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Luikens leaves Woodlands, forms comprehensive golf service

HOUSTON — Richard Luikens, former director of golf course maintenance for The Woodlands Resort and Country Club here, has formed Richard Luikens Golf Services (RLGS).

RLGS was formed to provide sound, simple agronomic advice for successful and affordable golf course maintenance; to coordinate golf course construction and renovation projects; and to assist golf product manufacturers in introducing new products into the golf course industry, according to Luikens.

During his 20 years in golf, Luikens has been involved with both privately and corporately owned facilities, maintaining and building courses for country club members, resort guests, daily-fee players, and the most demanding golfers of all — PGA Tour players.

While employed at The Woodlands, 54 holes of golf were built, including the TPC at The Woodlands (site of the Shell Houston Open for the past 11 years) and the Palmer and North courses.

All three have been ranked in the state's top 50. Previously, Luikens coordinated construction of Lochinvar Golf Club, a Jack Nicklaus-designed course here.

He has also been involved in developing several golf course products.

Chipo 26019, a turfgrass fungicide manufactured by Rhone-Poulenc Ag Co., and Barricade, a turfgrass pre-emergent herbicide produced by Sandoz Agro Inc., were tested before their release extensively on golf turf areas under Luikens' supervision.

Prototype work on one of the initial lightweight fairway mowing tractors, the Jacobsen LF-100, also took place on turfgrass facilities under his direction.

Luikens also assisted developers of the Dura-Rake and the U.S. Golf Hole Target.

Luikens is available at 713-364-6255 or 409-529-3947.

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