Resort membership? CMAA mulls options

By PETER BLAIRS

Expanding its educational program to include more offerings of interest to managers of upscale public resorts is one of the items that could be considered as the Club Managers Association of America (CMAA) reviews its strategic plan in the coming months.

CMAA’s main goal is to broaden employment prospects for its 5,000 members, explained James Singlering, executive director of the Arlington, Va.-based organization for private club managers. Increasingly, private clubs are competing financially against public facilities, such as upscale resorts. Resorts sometimes have far superior amenities and accommodations than nearby private clubs. With hotel rooms running at $350 a night and green fees of $150 per round not uncommon, upscale resorts are

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Cactus forest preserved via transplantation

By JERRY ROSE

TUCSON, Ariz. - Starling vistas, colorful sunsets, giant cacti, splashes of green in the midst of desert. This is golf in the Southwest. Now, a Scottsdale developer, Raven Golf, has created what may be a golf course construction prototype for preserving desert vegetation and animals.

“We really wanted to show ourselves as good citizens of the community and good stewards of the land,” said spokesman Steve Adelson, speaking of the extraordinary lengths Raven Golf went to in preserving the integrity of the Sonoran Desert surroundings of the club at Sabino Springs. “It’s our sincere belief that great golf can and should co-exist with its environment.

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A cactus is spared through preservation at Raven GC, Sabino Springs course, in Tucson, Ariz.
Survey reveals concern, confusion

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Yard DEP's hesitancy to approve the herbicide.

Nationwide, there appears to be a need for more effective communication between superintendents and government agencies. Focus on the environmental issues has resulted in some "hot topics," ones the public rallies against and lobbies for more than others. It is interesting, then, that when simply asked what was notable about their golf courses, the majority of superintendents responded with reference to their facility's natural water sources, or other impacts regarding water. Included were comments about landlocked ponds, creeks and streams, and courses bordering rivers, flood plains, or the ocean. Also cited were wetlands and other bodies of water that were habitat to rare birds, fowl, and fish. One Hawaiian superintendant had the unenviable encumbrance of being located over the only potable aquifer on the island!

...It is not coincidental that today's golf course superintendents are focusing on the issue of groundwater. In a Family Forum questionnaire, to which more than 10,000 individuals responded, the participants felt the worst environmental problem facing the country is water pollution. Environmental watchdogs, and the general public alike have good reason to be concerned. Often enough, focus turns to the green industry. In New York State, "Toxic Fairways: Risking Ground-water Contamination from Pesticides on Long Island Golf Courses," was a report published by state Attorney General Robert Abrams and the NYS Department of Law in 1991.

While the title alone might be enough to make some superintendents tuck in their tails, or automatically put them on the defensive, there is validity behind the disquietude. Long Island's population of 3 million depends solely on ground water for its source of drinking water, fed primarily by the fresh groundwater aquifers of the Long Island Sound, the local Cooper Creek, and the local Cooper Creek. The PENDULUM Plus Fertilizer controls all the troublesome weeds that PENDULUM alone does, including crabgrass, goosegrass, foxtail, oxalis and spurge. In fact, it controls every one of the weeds illustrated above and more. So the correct answer to our question is actually "none." The best time to use the product is when you're filling out your entry form. It could win you $10,000 in cash!

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Doral loses McHugh to Boca Raton club; Cooks moves on

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Pat McHugh has left Doral Golf Resort and Spa in Miami to join The Polo Club of Boca Raton here. The Michigan State University graduate, who has 20 years of experience, will undertake renovations at The Polo Club, just as he had at Doral. He said he expects to renovate 18 of the club’s 36 holes next year. Absorbing nearly six feet of rain just during the summer didn’t help any of the Florida clubs. 

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CUDWEED Gnaphalium pusillum

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LIVERMORE, Calif. — Todd Cook, who supervised and scheduled golf course maintenance at The Olympic Club’s Ocean and Lake courses, has joined Poppy Ridge, the Northern California Golf Association’s new Rees Jones-designed facility. Cook, who was involved in construction and grow-in of the Executive Course at The Olympic Club, is working on grow-in at Poppy Ridge, which was grassed this fall and will open in the fall of 1996. 

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — David Dube, formerly at Caesar Park Beach & Golf Resort in Cancun, Mexico, has been named superintendent for The Golf Club at Eagle Mountain, currently under development in Fountain Hills by Denro Phoenix, Arizona. Prior to joining Caesar Park, Dube was the assistant superintendent at Troon Golf and Country Club in Scottsdale and foreman for Desert Mountain’s Renegade course in Scottsdale. A native of Maine, Dube has been involved in the golf industry since 1988 and earned his degree in turfgrass management in 1992 from the University of Massachusetts. The Golf Club at Eagle Mountain is scheduled to open to the public in December.

Super survey

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Lloyd aquifers. Historically, the importance of ground water had gone unrecognized. The Upper Glacial aquifer, which had previously supplied Brook- lyn and Queens, was contaminated to a non-potable state earlier this century.

Yet, “Toxic Fairways” was laced with minor factual errors throughout, which may have had a subsequent impact on the readers’ perception of risk and danger. Most notably, in discussing the immediate health concerns of pesticide exposure, the publication re-called the 1982 death of Lt. George Pryor, who died two weeks after playing the Army and Navy Country Club in Ar-lington, Va. His physician, a forensic pathologist, stated that Pryor reportedly suffered from a severe reaction to chlorothalonil (Daconil 2787), which was applied weekly. It is interesting to note that three years prior to “Toxic Fairways” publication, Diamond Shamrock was legally cleared of any liability when it had been determined that Pryor’s death was due to Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis, which was caused by a viral infection.

In any event, it is vital for the golf course superintendent to focus on “hot” environmental topics, both on the national and local levels. Perhaps it would do us good to mentally reword the saying, “If it looks like a duck, walks like a duck...” The green industry needs to be both under-standing and respectful of how the general public feels about the environment.

The scope and impact of environmental issues are perhaps felt more strongly by the green industry than any other group. Like farmers and other land managers, golf course superintendents are responsible for maintaining relatively large tracts of land. Today’s superintendent must be prepared to make responsible decisions, aimed at providing a balance between achieving the best possible playing conditions, while adhering to federal, state and local regulations, as well as respecting the ecology of his or her golf course. Despite the best intentions, it can often be a complicated process.

As superintendents, we have the responsibility to conscien-tiously maintain that land by using our experience and education. We need to follow regu-lations and work safely within the environment’s parameters. To do so will allow maximum enjoyment of the environment in the present, and guarantee the same for the generations to come.

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