Getting right to the heart of the matter
A little forethought can help emergency personnel save a life

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LOMPOC, Calif. — After Village Country Club lost one member to a heart attack while on the course, and another collapsed from allergic reaction to a bee sting on the 8th green, the president and superintendent had an idea that many courses across the country might copy.

They labeled all perimeter out-of-bounds posts with the street address of the nearest house. Therefore, if an ambulance needs to be called, by cellular phone or radio, lifesaving time can be saved.

"With a membership whose average age is 65, we need to minimize medical emergency response time," said superintendent Bob Taeger.

"Hopefully, the plan will never be needed. But, if an emergency does occur, the few minutes saved locating the emergency site will minimize the injury."

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RCGA sells Glen Abbey to ClubLink

OAKVILLE, Ontario, Canada — The Royal Canadian Golf Association (RCGA) has reached an agreement to sell Glen Abbey Golf Club to ClubLink Corporation, setting the stage for RCGA growth and regionalization in Canada, according to Executive Director Stephen Ross.

The deal was expected to be completed and the purchase price announced by late January.

As part of the association's long-range plan, the RCGA is currently surveying properties in the Greater Toronto Area, Montreal and Calgary.

"We have taken the first step towards creating a new foundation for golf in Canada," explains Ross. "This deal opens many doors of opportunity to further develop our grassroots initiatives, as well as develop new golf facilities, all focusing on enhancing support of the game across the country."

The RCGA has owned the Jack Nicklaus-designed Oakville layout since 1981, but the association's desire to geographically expand and continue to develop its member programs resulted in this decision.

Contributing factors to the sale of Glen Abbey included:
• the RCGA's plan to increase its presence leading a campaign to have AEDs installed in emergency service vehicles and public places, such as office buildings and sports arenas. Some country clubs and golf courses have bought