Development Picks Up in the Keystone State

On the heels of the 2006 debuts of two heralded courses — Lederach in Harleysville and LedgeRock in Mohton — Pennsylvania has other golf projects in the works. Jack Frost National Golf Club, a semiprivate course in Blakeslee designed by Terry LaGree, opened in mid-May. Slated for unveilings in 2009 are the Golf Club at Heritage Creek Estates in Warwick Township, a Kelly Blake Moran design; and Applecross Country Club in East Brandywine, a private layout crafted by Michael Nicklaus. For details on these and other golf projects around the United States, visit www.golfconstructionnews.com.

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Spring Flings Wacky Weather

It seems the weather was challenging most everywhere during the early spring — snow, cold, drought, etc. Did inclement weather affect your golf course maintenance operation in March and April?

36% Yes, I was behind in getting things done
42% Somewhat, it was a struggle to get things done
22% Not at all. The weather wasn’t a factor

* Based on 50 responses from an online poll.

Making Old Tom Proud

Past winners of the Golf Course Superintendents of America’s Old Tom Morris Award:

2007 - Charles Sifford
2006 - Joseph M. Duich
2005 - Jack Nicklaus
2004 - Rees Jones
2003 - Pete Dye
2002 - Walter Woods
2001 - Timothy W. Finchem
2000 - Nancy Lopez
1999 - Jaime Ortiz-Patino
1998 - Ken Venturi
1997 - Don Crenshaw
1996 - Tom Fazio
1995 - Dr. James R. Watson
1994 - Byron Nelson
1993 - Dinah Shore
1992 - Tom Watson
1991 - William C. Campbell
1990 - Sherwood A. Moore, CGCS
1989 - Juan "Chi Chi" Rodriguez
1988 - Gene Sarazen
1987 - Robert Trent Jones Sr.
1986 - Patty Berg
1985 - Gerald Ford
1984 - Bob Hope
1983 - Arnold Palmer

That’s how much the U.S. Department of Energy predicted that the national average for a gallon of gasoline would peak for the driving season. On May 23, prices soared to $3.49 a gallon. So much for solid predictions.

Golf Rounds Played

The percentages below represent the difference in number of rounds played in March 2007 compared to the number of rounds played in March 2006.

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