

Environment continued

Beyond these benefits, computerized irrigation systems and improved turfgrass varieties now allow course to use less water more efficiently to achieve the same level of conditioning.

Continuing research will provide even more "low-water" turfgrass varieties in the future.

8. GCSAA and the entire golf community are firmly committed to seeking answers through research. The United States Golf Association is funding a three-year \$3 million research that will provide a number of those answers.

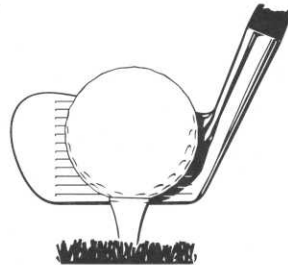
9. In addition to turf-related benefits, courses provide other important ecological and community assets. Golf course are:

- key sanctuaries for birds and other wildlife
- disposal and treatment sites for (effluent) wastewater
- attractive and environmentally sound "covers" for closed landfills and other ecologically damaged sites
- places for non-golf recreational activities such as jogging, walking, birdwatching, cross-country skiing and fishing
- businesses that provide hundreds of thousands of skilled and semi-skilled jobs.
- places for social interaction and community events
- civic benefactors that give major contributions to charities
- the keystone of a multi-billion-dollar industry nationwide
- community improvements that add value to land, thus increasing local tax bases.

10. On golf's behalf, GCSAA has developed a strong and cooperative relationship with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and other major regulatory groups. Though governmental affairs, professional education and public information, the association strives to make environmental responsibility a basic precept for its members.

Golf has the motivation, the resources and the willingness to address the issues now, before environmental questions seriously impede the growth of the game. By pursuing this enlightened path, it is hoped that golf will be increasingly perceived as a model environmental industry of the 1990's.

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A LOOK AHEAD

September 14	Pasitiempo CC
October 8	Sierra Nevada Chapter joint meeting
November 11,12	GCSANC /UC CooperativeExtension Golf Course Institute
December 4	Christmas Party



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