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## Florida, California Lead Continuing Surge in U.S. Golf Course Construction

JUPITER, Fla. — According to the National Golf Foundation's latest research, the surge in golf course construction activity that began three years ago in the United States continues at a steady pace.

And once again, Florida and California are leading the way.

Each year, the NGF tracks golf course development activity across the U.S. In so doing, it identifies three categories of projects: courses that have opened for play, courses that are under construction, and courses in the planning stage. At the end of 1990, the NGF was tracking a total of 1,630 projects, compared to 1,356 projects at the end of 1989.

The final 1990 tally shows that 289 courses opened for play ... one short of the 290 that opened in 1989. In 1988, the total was 211. Prior to that, the nation was averaging less than 150 course openings per year.

The possibility of high activity continuing into 1991 appears good, given the fact that at 1990 year-end a total of 560 courses were under construction. This is a significant increase over the 463 that were under construction at the end of 1989. Also, the number of courses in planning rose from 603 to 781.

In its annual count, the NGF tracks both new courses and expansions of existing courses. The 289 courses that opened for play in 1990 break down as follows:

New courses (9 or 18 holes).....	206
Expansions (9 or more holes).....	83

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