Maine Golf premieres

Bill Lyons of Brewer, Maine, is keeping the memory green of his native Ireland with planned monthly publication of "Maine Golf."

The premiere issue, appropriately, appeared March 17. The 32 pages range the state's golf gamut, including a feature article state golf course on superintendents by veteran sportswriter Dick Doyle.

Lyons and Doyle hope to blanket the Pine Tree State's vast area with news of all facets of links activities. That may be a major undertaking. The 13 courses either just completed or under construction

California supers shine in debut

"Golden State Fairways," the official publication of the California Golf Course Superintendents Association, made a sparkling debut as that group hosted the annual GCSAA conference at Anaheim, Calif.

The 48-page full-color quarterly magazine, the outgrowth of several superintendent chapter sectional newsletters, is designed for the California golf course manager to benefit the golf industry.

Emphasis will be on turf and landscape information for California golf courses. Content will focus on educational and informational topics.

Tim Sedgley of the Northern California chapter is magazine president. Other chapter officers are Rick Scholes, Sierra Nevada, vice president; Robert Tillema, Central California, secretary, and David Lozoya, Hi-Lo Desert, treasurer.

Dale F. Keller Jr. is publisher/ editor, Daniel A. Heath copy editor. Craig A. Ruark heads advertising sales, Gary Zee design/production.

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Irrigation Expo will look back on 40 years

"Forty Wondrous Years of Irrigation "is the theme of the 1989 International Irrigation Exposition and Technical Conference Nov. 12-15.

The conference will be held at the Anaheim, Calif., Convention Center.

The world's largest show devoted exclusively to irrigation, it will include more than 400 exhibits, technical presentations, short courses and certification programs.

bring the state's total to about140 over a 500-mile span.

Ambitious though this project may be, Lyons believes his magazine will be welcomed by increasing numbers who have turned to golf as their chief source of recreation.

Said Lyons: "Doyle and I plan to keep the golf public informed of everything from the maintenance shack to the pro shop. We'll try to inject a bit of Irish humor while reporting on club championships, scrambles, pro-ams and, of course, the average player.'



EPA drafts pesticide plan

The Environmental Protection Agency is drafting a three-tier, restricted-use pesticide system to ensure that qualified people are applying or overseeing application of pesticides.

The EPA proposal, expected to be published for comment this spring, divides pesticides into three levels:

· Level One pesticides would be used only by certified applicators and only for those uses covered by the applicator's certification.

· Level Two products could be

used by a non-certified person but only under direct supervision of a certified applicator who is only five minutes away from the site.

· Level Three pesticides could be used under direct supervision of a certified applicator who could be at the site or could reach it "within a reasonable period of time." Under this least-restrictive level, "the potential for serious consequences of a delay in arriving on site" would be taken into consideration when determining what is a "reasonable" period of time.



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