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| Type | Open | | Under Construction | |
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| | 1990 YTD 3rd Qtr. | 1989 Year-end | 1990 YTD 3rd Qtr. | 1989 Year-end |
| Daily Fee | 112 | 156 | 291 | 218 |
| Municipal | 28 | 35 | 75 | 63 |
| Private | 53 | 99 | 191 | 177 |
| Undecided | | | 4 | 5 |
| Totals | 193 | 290 | 561 | 463 |

Source: NGF

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Industry must give ground on environment

BY MARK LESLIE

The golf industry must do some "serious soul-searching" about the magnitude of its projects and undertake research to disclaim "pseudo-scientists" if it is to continue to thrive, according to government and industry officials.

Speaking at Golf Summit 90 in Palm Springs, Calif., experts from the Environmental Protection Agency, Golf

Course Superintendents Association of America, United States Golf Association and American Society of Golf Course Architects agreed obstacles to golf development will get tougher and laws harsher.

The obstacles include golfers' demand for green and low-cut courses; misinformed environmentalists and the lack of scientific information on pesti-

cide and fertilizer use; an upcoming re-registration of List A pesticides; tightening wetlands regulations; and localized anti-development sentiment.

"But you shouldn't see the environment as a roadblock....," said EPA Associate Administrator Lewis S.W. Crampton. "A pleasant environment is a very important part of enjoying the game."

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Californians vote no

BY PETER BLAIS

California voters last month turned a major thumbs down on two ballot questions that would have banned many of the pesticides used on golf courses.

"We're obviously pleased that our efforts were successful," said Raymond Davies, president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of Southern California which united with other regional California superintendent associations to fight the Big Green and

CAREFUL initiatives.

"But we know the issue isn't dead. This is just the first inning in a long ball game. Now we'll just have to wait and see what type of initiative or other tactic the environmentalists come up with next time."

Sixty-four percent of the electorate voted against Big Green, which would have banned up to 80 percent of common pesticides.

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First Partners Club a 'go'

BY MARK LESLIE

Construction is about to begin on the first link in an international chain of exclusive golf and meeting facilities called The Partners Clubs.

International Golf Management, Inc., has reached agreement in principle with the board

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A golfer drives from the back tee of the 6th hole at Boulder Ridge Country Club in Lake in the Hills, Ill. Bob Lohmann and Fuzzy Zoeller designed the 18-hole course at the private residential golf community. For more on new courses, see pages 14-15.

Americans share knowledge in Europe

BY VERN PUTNEY

Golf Course Europe drew many of the leading names in the American golf industry to Paris in late November to discuss the state of the game in Europe, considered among the most fertile

breeding grounds for new golf course development in the world.

"Golf has its roots in Europe, but now is a universal sport," said Dan Maples, president of the American Society of Golf Course Architects.

"(In the United States) growth has lagged behind the growing number of golfers, a situation also probably true in Europe. That's our challenge — finding the sites, financing and talented people

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