

Japanese opposition to chemicals on the rise

The tide against new courses and the use of chemicals in golf-crazed Japan continues to rise.

A recent Kyodo News Service survey said golf courses have increased so rapidly that they now cover 512,000 acres or 0.58 percent of the country. Nation-

wide, 910 courses are in the planning stage.

Fearing the loss of agricultural land, pollution from golf course chemicals, and the game's challenge to traditional Japanese culture, six prefectures have banned or restricted

new development.

A new law in Chiba Prefecture prohibits newly opened courses from using pesticides. Existing courses are being encouraged to do the same.

There are approximately 104 courses in Chiba Prefec-

ture, located just east of Tokyo, and another 101 being planned.

In the port city of Kobe, home of Japan's first golf course, a one-year moratorium on new course approvals was recently passed.

New course added but Sacramento still short

Cherry Island Golf Course, the first new public course in 25 years in Sacramento, Calif., was scheduled to open June 1.

While expected to host 70,000 rounds annually, the Robert Muir Graves-designed facility still leaves the central California City

in desperate need of more golf holes.

Sacramento ranks 296th out of the 319 metropolitan areas surveyed by the National Golf Foundation in terms of golf holes per capita.

City officials believe Sacramento

could support another dozen courses as evidenced by the lines that form before dawn Monday to make reservations for weekend play at Ancil Hoffman Golf Course, the last public course built in Sacramento.

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stages, although only three are sure things, according to the Sacramento Bee.

City courses are planned at Elverta, Freeport and Roseville.

Cherry Island Golf Course is an 18-hole, par-72 course built on 200 acres.

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Joe Lee devotees hold matches

Joe Lee Golf Courses Ltd., an association of courses designed by the Boynton Beach, Fla., architect, is organizing the first annual Joe Lee Challenge Matches.

The group's board of directors decided to conduct the matches to honor Lee, who has designed more than 350 courses around the world.

Teams of five golfers will play Oct. 5-7 at Wynlakes Golf and Country Club in Montgomery, Ala. The winning team will receive a bronze statuette of Lee and other prizes.

Michael Reilly at Wynlakes can be contacted for further information.

Challenge Matches are tentatively planned for Broken Sound Golf and Country Club in Boca Raton, Fla., in 1991 and Hampton Plantation Golf and Country Club on St. Simon's Island, Ga., in 1992.

Harvard offers design course

The Harvard University Graduate School of Design will offer a series of open-admission summer courses on the planning, design and development of golf and other sports facilities.

Leading national practitioners will teach golf course design on June 18-19; golf clubhouse design on June 20; resort planning and design on June 21-22.

Also, marina planning and design on June 25-26; and sports facilities design and development on June 28-29.

These courses are offered among 50 summer courses and workshops in architecture, landscape architecture, computer-aided design and real-estate development at the school.

For a catalogue of complete course listings, contact Professional Development, Harvard University GSD, 48 Quincy Street, Cambridge, Mass. 02138; 617-495-9340.

Golf car race raises \$8,000

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of central and southern Arizona was the big winner in the Second Annual Melex/Sun Cities Grand Prix on March 7. The second annual golf car-style grand prix, and pancake breakfast held at Hillcrest Golf Club in Sun City West, raised nearly \$8,000 for Make-A-Wish.

More than 500 spectators ate breakfast sponsored by The Crescent Hotel at Koll Center, and watched Media celebrities and Sun City residents pilot the cars around a slalom course, two holes of golf and out onto the actual streets of Sun City West.



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