

Tropical storms leave destruction

Once again, fall weather has wreaked havoc in the Southeast. And once again, a few golf courses were severely damaged.

As reported on the front page, Augusta National lost its 11th green — virtually washed away by either tropical storm Klaus, Lily or Marco, but more likely a combination of all three. The 12th and 13th greens were also flooded but remained intact, while the 13th tee was substantially damaged.

Augusta National General Manager Jim Armstrong said he expected contractors would totally rebuild the green complex, along with retaining wall and rebuilt creek bed, in four to six weeks. That would mean the hole would be designed,



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The month of November will be busy for the *Golf Course News* staff. In addition to the regular duties of the editorial staff, we'll be attending Golf Summit 90 mid-month in Palm Desert, Calif. People from all elements of the golf course industry will attend the two-day session co-

ordinated by the National Golf Foundation. We expect many critical issues to be addressed and positive steps taken at the summit... The same sorts of steps accomplished at the Florida Golf Summit last month in Orlando.

I've been invited to attend the John Deere Team championship that will be played at Mission Hills and The Dunes course immediately following Golf Summit 90. This unique event teams a club professional with a superintendent, two board members of the facility, and a representative from their John Deere distributor.

This is obviously a way for John Deere to entertain clients and prospective clients. But, more impor-

tantly, it brings together four members of a facility who would not normally play together. This type of event certainly can establish better relationships among the management of facilities.

This November issue offers you an opportunity to get to know the architects and builders who are kept very busy these days with new design, construction and renovations. The January issue will disclose the Architect and Builder of the Year, as selected by the architects.

Thanks for reading *Golf Course News*, and please let me know your comments!

Sincerely,
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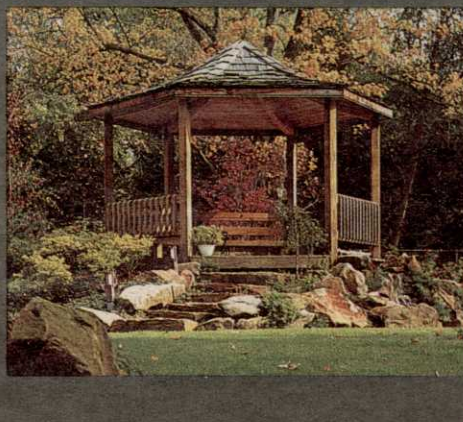
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