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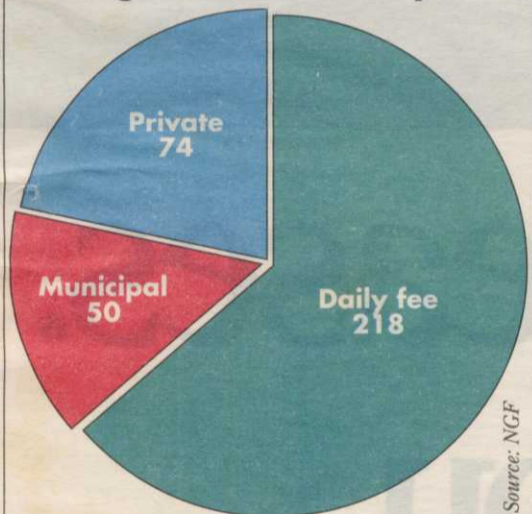
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## Bloch vows research to continue

By Mark Leslie

The new president of the United States Golf Association confirmed the organization will remain dedicated to turfgrass and environmental research, and predicted a wide range of results exciting to the industry.

Stuart F. Bloch, an investment broker in Wheeling, W.Va., who has a long history of involvement with the agronomy of golf courses, said: "The

Executive Committee is behind this research 100 percent. We make a lot of money in the U.S. Open and I think, what better way to spend it than research?"

Bloch, a golfer for 49 years, was green committee



Stuart Bloch

chairman at his club for 18 years and has served as a USGA board member.

The successor to C. Grant Spaeth of Palo Alto, Calif., he said he has gotten "a lot out of golf... and not many people get the chance to put as much back in the game as you do when you get involved like this. And when you get to be president, then you've really got the ultimate experience."

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From wetland to country club, American architect Gary Roger Baird made magnificent use of his design skills and the construction know-how of developers of The Royal Gems Golf and Sports Complex in Bangkok, Thailand. An 11-foot-high levy needed to be built around

the property and the land was drained before construction could begin on the \$100-million project. Baird said 75 laborers worked four months hand-laying the stonework in the double-tiered sand bunkers.

Photo courtesy of Gary Roger Baird Design International, Ltd.

## EPA not doing enough to curb pesticide use, advocate says

By Peter Blais

The Golf industry and federal government are not doing enough to keep pesticides off golf courses, according to the head of an anti-pesticide advocacy group.

Jay Feldman, national coordinator of the National Coalition Against the Misuse of Pesticides, made that charge during last month's Golf Course Superintendents Association of America International Conference and Show in New Orleans.

Joining Feldman on an environmental panel were Victor Kimm, the Environmental Protection Agency's deputy assistant administrator for

pesticides and toxic substances, and ABC Television's John Stossel, news analyst and environmental reporter on the show 20/20.

#### THE CASE AGAINST PESTICIDES

The environmental community's long-term goal is to work together with the golf industry and EPA on pesticide use, Feldman said. But in the short term, EPA Programs are inadequate, he added.

Over 600 potentially active ingredients, many of which are found in golf cure pesticides, have not been adequately tested by the EPA, Feldman said.

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## Wetlands expert advises: Use common sense

By Peter Blais

With revisions to the federal wetlands laws still months away, golf course developers need to follow some common sense guidelines when building near the environmentally sensitive areas, according to a landscape architect.

The Army Corps of Engineers will evaluate proposals with two criteria in mind, according to Barbara Beall of The LA Group in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., who spoke at the recent Golf Course Superintendents Association of America International Conference and Show in New Orleans.

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## Shields is TPC's Super of the Year

By Peter Blais

Tighue Shields of the Tournament Players Club of Scottsdale near Phoenix has been named the TPC system's Superintendent of the Year.

Shields, 41, has worked in course maintenance 22 years,

including 15 at Arizona Country Club. He worked briefly at TPC at Star Pass in Tucson before taking over at Scottsdale in 1989.

"Tighue is one of the best managers in our group," said Cal Roth, director of mainte-

nance operations for the TPC network's 12 courses and PGA Tour Investments. "He runs a truly professional operation. The course is immaculate every day. He is organized and his crew is motivated and well

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