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Kolasa named new head of CMAA

By PETER BLAIS

The golf industry will find a knowledgeable ally in new Club Managers Association of America President Richard Kolasa.

"My experience with golf clubs is one of my main strengths. I've been involved with golf since 1963," said the general manager of Tucson, Ariz.'s Skyline Country Club. Kolasa will be elevated from vice president to the CMAA's highest office during late February's annual meeting in Nashville, Tenn.

One of the more interesting situations he's dealt with during that time involves the irrigation system at Skyline. While most Southwest U.S. courses have installed automated systems, Skyline still uses quick couplers.

"In the superintendent's mind, it's not a priority. If he came to me and asked for an automated system, I'd certainly consider it. But he's happy with the system he has. So we have two guys out there watering every night," Kolasa said.

Kolasa has been at Skyline since 1978. Before that he held similar posts at Blue Hills Country Club in Kansas City, Mo., Evansville (Ind.) Country Club and South Bend (Ind.) Country Club.

He graduated from Michigan State University in 1966, joined the CMAA in 1968 and became a certified manager in 1986. He

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Cape Cod study reinforced

New data confirms positive findings at sandy-soiled site

By PETER BLAIS

YARMOUTH, Mass. — Groundwater tests at a relatively new Cape Cod golf course substantiate many of the findings of the original Cape Cod study.

Stuart Cohen, director and author of the original Cape Cod study, said: "What the findings show is the minimum impact golf courses can have on ground water when an integrated pest manage-

ment program is used by an educated and experienced superintendent."

The initial Cape Cod investigation focused on four older courses. The feeling was that if pesticide contamination would be a problem anywhere, it would be on courses built long before today's strict environmental guidelines and in a place like Cape Cod, where sandy soil and a

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DEVELOPMENT DOWN UNDER
Asian-Pacific development is booming, as evidenced by no. 9 at the new Graham/Panks course, Turtle Point GC, in Repulse Bay, Queensland, Australia. For a report Golf Asia '93, see page 45.

IR-4 Project offers doomed chemicals a second chance

By HAL PHILLIPS

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — Scientists at the Interregional Research Project No. 4 (IR-4 to the initiated) are beefing up their public relations effort. The golf industry stands to benefit from this campaign, especially those manufacturers of specialized chemicals that might not survive the 1997 reregistration deadline.

"The turf industry may have pesticide needs that we haven't heard about from our normal contacts," explained Dr. Richard Guest, director of the IR-4 Project. "Lack of industry awareness of what we can do is one of our chief concerns."

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Course-opening figures for 1992	Open	Under Construction	In Planning
Daily Fee	236	391	346
Municipal	51	91	92
Private	67	131	132
TBD*		3	10
Totals	354	616	580

* Type of facility to be determined Source: National Golf Foundation

Course openings up in '92: Experts see it as peak year

By HAL PHILLIPS

The National Golf Foundation has issued figures indicating 1992 was a record-setting year for golf course openings. Three-hundred and fifty-four is the tentative number — three more than the 1991 total, which had represented a 20-year high.

However, the 354 figure has generated little flag-waving in golf industry circles. Indeed, the general consensus among financial analysts, and the NGF itself, views 1992 as a peak year — after which a more reasonable, stable number of openings is expected.

"There's been a big, much publicized wave of activity, but the pipeline is a long one," said Don Rhodes, a vice president at Textron Financial Corp. "We're seeing the results of projects started in 1988-89. The

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