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Michael Hughes of the NGCOA

New tax laws, economy drive trend toward for-profit clubs

By MARK LESLIE

Changing tax laws and difficult economic conditions are causing a massive move of not-for-profit golf courses into the for-profit realm.

That change of status is "a major trend right now," said Kathi Driggs, vice president of Club Managers Association of America (CMAA) in Alexandria, Va. "A lot of our clubs — clubs that have been traditionally not-for-profit — are realizing now it is more feasible for them to be for-profit."

"There's no question it's going on," said Michael Hughes, executive director of the National Golf Course Owners Association in Charleston, S.C. "With the economic difficulties we've experienced in the last two or three years, the private clubs have lost members. Ones that had long waiting lists, have no waiting lists."

Driggs said a change to status might cost

New life for Arizona projects

By MARK LESLIE

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — The Arizona golf course construction industry has a pulse again.

One of the country's largest water development systems is on-line and golf course projects — on hold for years because of lack of water — are lining up to buy into the new supply. As many as 14 new courses could be built now that non-potable water has started flowing from the Central Arizona Project (CAP) canal north along Pima Road to the northern reaches of Scottsdale. That is prime golf

course territory featuring the likes of Desert Mountain Properties, The Boulders, Troon North, Desert Highlands and the Tournament Players Club of Scottsdale.

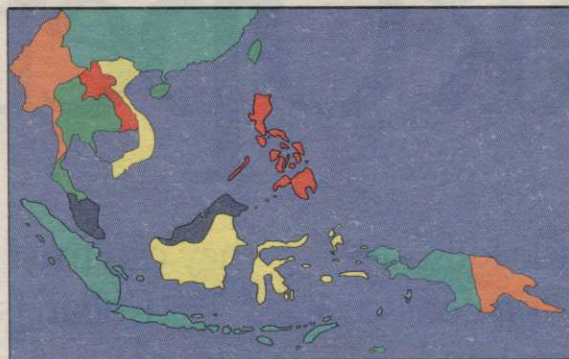
The \$14 million Reclaimed Water Distribution System (RWDS) is the newest phase of the master plan, begun in the 1950s, to irrigate the West. Next up will be the 1995 start-up of an effluent plant that will treat water from the major development area in north Scottsdale. That water will be reinserted into the pipeline,

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IS IT REAL?

Or is it Intergraph? It's the latter, a computer design system used by Nicklaus Design architect Carl Mistretta to render this VDT image of no. 17 at the TPC Kaupulehu in Hawaii. See page 25.



One-stop shop comes to Asia

By PHILIPPS

SINGAPORE — After months of posturing on both sides, the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) and Connex Private Ltd. appear to have joined forces, thereby creating a single mega-show serving the entire Asia-Pacific region. As part of a written statement, GCSAA indicated the event will be "two events under one roof," not a single show. Each show will retain its own staffs, resources and, presumably, autonomy. These simultaneous events will be held March 24-27, at the International Merchandise Mart in Singapore.

However, further details on the two-show, one-roof arrangement — including proprietary issues — remained sketchy as *Golf Course News* went to press in

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Karsten Lab to address desert issues

By MARK LESLIE

TUCSON, Ariz. — Golf courses in desert regions can expect to reap benefits from major research that will be conducted at the University of Arizona's new Desert Turfgrass Research Facility and Karsten Laboratory for TurfScience here.

"We have four or five different, specific problems we have in the desert that need to be addressed," said Dr. David Kopec, Extension specialist for turf in Arizona. Major targets will be developing irrigation schedules and water-use programs, breeding new turfgrasses, dealing with effluent, and perfecting techniques for weed control and overseeding.

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