

Proposed N.C. pesticide law could be costly

WILMINGTON, N.C. — In the wake of an incident at The Cape Golf & Racquet Club here, a new state pesticide law may be passed holding accountable those who order illegal pesticide applications.

The state Pesticide Board had levied a \$400 fine on two licensed pesticide applicators for applying Gramoxone Extra to the private course. A weed and plant killer used on farms, Gramoxone Extra is not approved for golf course use.

When Cape owner Thomas D. Wright offered to accept full responsibility and pay the fine, the

board instructed the Attorney General's Office to renegotiate the settlement. After the negotiations, Wright agreed to pay a \$2,000 fine. The Wilmington Morning Star also reported that Wright admitted to homeowners at the facility that he was aware the application was illegal when he ordered it.

The Pesticide Board has recommended the change in law to fine the person ordering illegal applications as well as the applicators. The General Assembly must approve the proposal, and that is not expected until next year's session.

Feuding agencies delay Utah muni

HURRICANE, Utah — Construction delays caused by two feuding government agencies could cost the city thousands of dollars and put off the opening of the municipal course.

The federal Bureau of Land Management leased the golf course property to the city, which issued a \$3.5 million bond to finance the project.

Construction began in December. But the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife ordered a halt to building on the final three holes

in April, declaring the land a critical habitat for the endangered desert tortoise.

USFW instructed the BLM to do a biological assessment on the 155-acre portion of the 300-acre course. City officials were originally told the study would be completed this spring. Now it could be late summer before it is finished.

Mayor Gene Van Wagoner told *The Daily Spectrum* that the situation was "a power play between two federal agencies."

If the study shows the desert tortoise occupies the area, the city may have to surrender a portion of the 155-acre tract as an environmental buffer and complete the final three holes on a different section of the property.

Washington course to start construction after four-year wait

MAPLE VALLEY, Wash. — Four years of negotiations have finally paid off for The Course at Taylor Creek, Inc., as ground has been broken on the proposed 9-hole course and driving range here.

Four years ago, a group of 10 investors purchased the 63-acre parcel from the Brunton family for \$1.2 million. However, a sensitive-areas ordinance went into effect contingent on the sale, slowing the project considerably. In fact, King County has since fenced off 24 acres as untouchable wetlands — twice the amount originally measured four years ago.

"We redesigned the course five or six times, and with the new ordinance, we weren't sure we still had nine holes," said Brad Habenicht, Taylor's managing general partner. "It takes a lot of patience to build a course."

The Taylor Creek nine, to feature a decidedly linksland design, is scheduled to open for play in July 1995. Par+ Designs has routed the course around the Olson House and Barn, a circa-1906 historic landmark that will serve as clubhouse.

CONSTRUCTION OF REES JONES TRACK SET FOR ARIZ.

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Construction should begin later this year on a 573-acre residential golf community near Pima and Stagecoach Pass.

Rees Jones designed the 18-hole, semi-private private course, which will be the centerpiece of the 792-home Legend Trail community. Dioguardi Companies of Phoenix is the developer of Legend Trail, located south of the Desert Mountain complex.

Legend Trail is surrounded by state land and will have 32 percent of the community's acreage preserved as natural open space.

"I thought that the John Deere 1200 didn't have enough power because it was 2-wheel-drive," says Mike Hoyle. "It proved me wrong. You can plow with it, smooth with it, or move dirt and sand with it. It has tremendous power. It turned a reshaping job that used to take us 12 working days to do by hand into one that now takes a day and a half with our two 1200s."



Superintendent Mike Hoyle and his fleet of John Deere equipment keep busy 12 months a year supporting the nearly 60,000 rounds recorded annually on Green Tree Country Club's 27-hole layout.

