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Watershed findings: Pesticides test well

By STUART COHEN & TOM DURBOROW

Thousands of water samples from golf courses have been subjected to more than 100,000 analyses in 13 projects since the Cape Cod Study was completed in 1988, and only five samples contained pesticides above health-based action levels.

In fact, only 30 to 60 samples had even quantifiable pesticides, substantiating indications that proper golf course maintenance does not endanger water supplies.

Most of these studies have been done as a result of permitting requirements, occasionally as a result of research projects. With a few exceptions, they have not been well publicized. The reasons are that most of the studies have not been completed, and, equally important, the results are mostly favorable for the golf industry. It is hard to use good news to scare people.

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ECOLOGICALLY SOUND

This used to be a parking lot. Now it's Squaw Creek Golf Resort in Squaw Valley, Calif., perhaps the nation's most ecologically sound golf course. It's also the top mountain course to open during the last five years, according to an exclusive Golf Course News survey of architects. For story, see page 35.



ARCHITECTURE'S HOTTEST DUO

Ben Crenshaw (left) and Bill Coore are making news: Barton Creek, Kapalua, and now the much-anticipated Sand Hills. They spoke with GCN, page 35.

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State associations build/buy, manage their own courses

By PETER BLAIS

To provide improved member services and increase public play, a growing number of local golf associations are building and buying golf courses.

The Northern and Southern California golf associations along with the Oregon State Golf Association are developing their own facilities.

"Many other groups are talking about doing something similar," said Tom Morgan, executive director of the Southern California association.

The Northern California association started the golf ball rolling in 1975 when it acquired an option on 165 acres of Del

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No. 3 at Rancho California, soon to be owned/managed by the Southern Calif. Golf Association.

Arizona groups eye golf tax to benefit turfgrass research

By MARK LESLIE

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Following unproductive campaigns to raise research funds through volunteer donations, the Arizona green industry is taking steps in a new direction.

The newly formed Commodities Group is drafting legislation that would assess 10 cents per round on golf played in Arizona. The levy could potentially generate \$800,000 a year, according to Mark Clark, president of Cactus and Pine Golf Course Superintendents Association and superintendent at the Country Club of Green Valley.

Similar assessments reportedly have worked well for lettuce, citrus and grape growers, who all tax each crate of produce to fund research and development

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William Schultz

Schultz to assume leadership role at CMAA conference

By PETER BLAIS

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — A resident Texan will be elected president of the Club Managers

Association of America when the group holds its 67th Annual Conference here Feb. 6-10.

William Schultz, general manager of Houston Country Club since 1990, will assume leadership from outgoing President Richard Kolasa.

Schulz has been on the board since 1988, serving on several national committees and community organizations during that time. He graduated from Milwaukee Area Technical College and is currently CMAA's vice president.

In addition to Houston CC's 18-hole Robert Trent Jones-designed layout, Schulz has overseen Twin Orchards CC in Long Grove, Ill., and Brynwood CC in

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