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Hurricane Floyd leaves its mark on Carolinas

By PETER BLAIS

WILMINGTON, N.C. — Hurricane Floyd and the heavy rains that followed in mid-September left numerous courses submerged and forced many to close for a month or more.

Floyd came ashore here Sept. 13. The Wilmington area was hit full force by the hurricane, but escaped the worst of the floods, according to Joey Hines, head pro at Cape Fear Country Club.

"We got 33 inches of rain, but never flooded to the point many other courses did," Hines said. "Anything from Wallace to Kenston to Greenville was badly flooded. The perimeter roads leading into and around Wilmington were washed out. But Wilmington did not have real bad floods."

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RTJ II TRACK NO GAMBLE IN VEGAS
Golf course architect Robert Trent Jones Jr., right, discusses a modification in the design of a fairway at Southern Highlands Golf Club in Las Vegas with club President Garry Goett. See story, page 17.

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Supers benefit as outsourcing grows

By ANDREW OVERBECK

Using outsourcing for various tasks is becoming increasingly attractive to superintendents and golf course operators across the country. Independent contractors can often out-perform the regular maintenance staff in specialized tasks like fertilizer applications and aerification or relatively simple jobs like maintaining the clubhouse grounds. More and more superintendents are employing these services because it saves time, manpower and maintenance costs and provides access to specialized services and new technology that were previously out of reach.

"Outsourcing jobs means there is one more headache that superintendents don't have to worry about," said Terry Buchen, president of Terry Buchen Golf Agronomy International, a consulting firm based in Williamsburg, Va. "They can make more use of their existing crew. For

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Tyler Enterprises' custom fertilizer application truck in action.

PRODUCT NEWS



John Deere revamps ProGator

The John Deere ProGator is a compact, maneuverable utility vehicle designed for use on golf courses. It features a new engine, transmission, and suspension system, making it more efficient and durable than previous models.

E-Z-GO rolls out PD5 golf cars



The E-Z-GO PD5 is a new model of golf car designed for improved performance and comfort. It features a new engine, transmission, and suspension system, making it more efficient and durable than previous models.



The Mikano Trimmer is a new model of trimmer designed for improved performance and comfort. It features a new engine, transmission, and suspension system, making it more efficient and durable than previous models.

NEW FROM GOLF COURSE NEWS
For a preview of GCN Product News, which will debut in March, see the pullout section, pages 21-28.

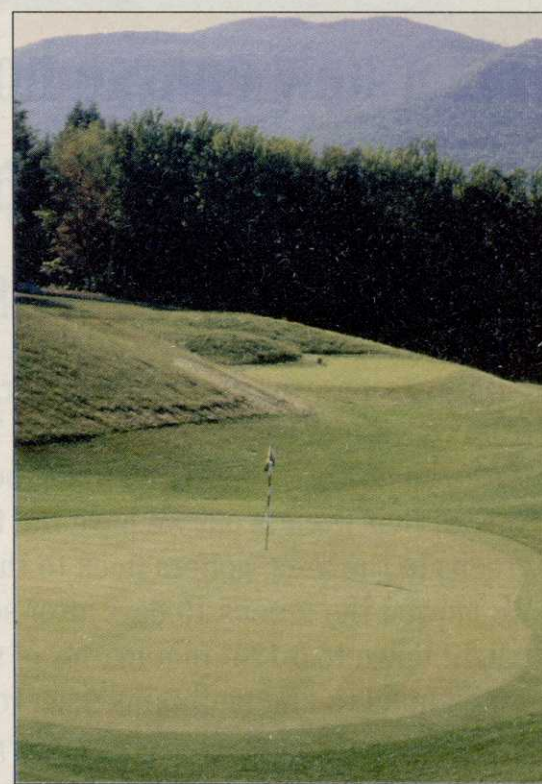
Development management new to the golf industry

By MARK LESLIE

PALM DESERT, Calif. — From the blades of grass on the golf course to the depth of the sewers on the streets of a development, Winchester Development Co. controls what it does as no other company does. Indeed, Winchester is a new breed of company, defining a previously undefined niche: development management.

"We know where everything goes on a golf course project," said Craig Bryant, co-managing partner with John Shaw of Winchester, which has offices here, in

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AMERICA'S (ARGUABLY) OLDEST COURSE ADDS NINE

After 113 years of operating as a nine-hole course, Dorset Field Club in Dorset, Vt., has added another nine holes, designed by Steve Durkee. See story, page 17.

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THE REASSESSMENT

October: Internet release of preliminary risk assessment, public comment period opens.
December: Public comment period closes.
February, 2000: Release of revised risk assessment, public comment period opens.
April, 2000: Public comment period closes.

Comment starts on chlorpyrifos

By ANDREW OVERBECK

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has released its initial risk assessment for chlorpyrifos, an organophosphate commonly used in turf and ornamental applications and known to the golf course industry as Dursban. Under the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) of 1996, the EPA is systematically reassessing numerous classifications of pesticides

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