

by the NUMBERS*

130 The number of U.S. markets in which the median green fee at 18-hole regulation courses is less than \$40

65 million

The number of rounds, which is 13 percent of the U.S. total, generated annually in Michigan, Illinois and Ohio

255 The number of new golf facilities under construction as of July 18

119 The number of golf course additions that are under construction as of July 18

14

The percentage of all golf facilities in the United States that are located in Michigan, Illinois and Ohio

93

The number of golf course additions that have been completed this year as of July 18

62

The number of new golf facilities that have been completed this year as of July 18

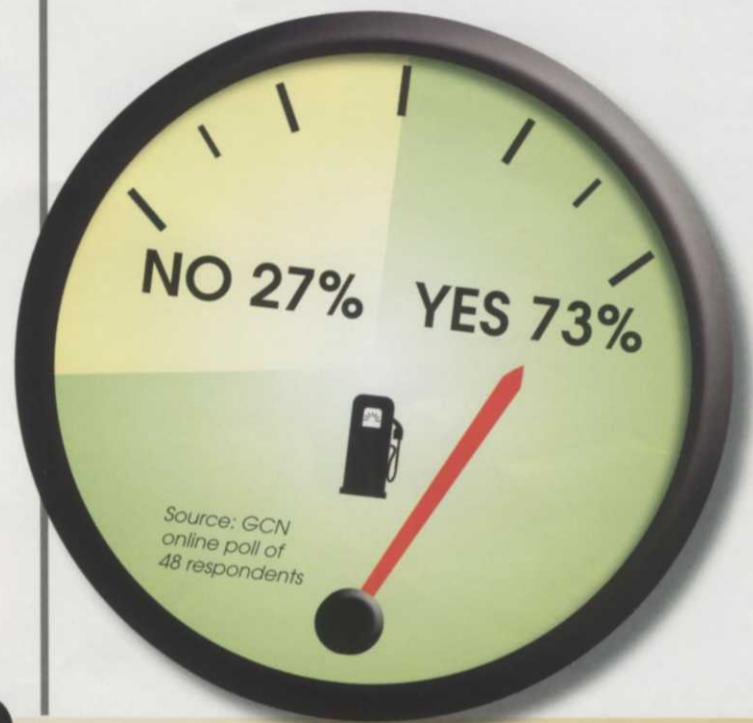
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The percentage increase of rounds at U.S. facilities through May year over year

*All numbers from the National Golf Foundation



HAVE INCREASED FUEL PRICES AFFECTED OTHER AREAS OF YOUR MAINTENANCE BUDGET?



Trick shot artist, instructor celebrates golf show anniversary

Fort Myers, Fla. - Trick shot artist and golf instructor Mike Calbot celebrates 25 years as "The Golf Doctor" in Southwest Florida. Calbot has been the local voice of golf, and his TV program has run on WINK every week since 1981. He's the author of a golf instructional video and dozens of articles about golf. Calbot has been a swing analyst and golf instructor to more than 6,000 people since 1988. He has been instrumental in developing junior golf in Southwest Florida, helping establish local programs for children to learn the game. For more information about Calbot, visit www.webgolfdirector.com.

QUOTABLE

"It has all the earmarks to serve as a poster child for ecological progressiveness." - golf course architect **Steve Smyers** about The Golf Club at BridgeWater, which is scheduled to open in October in Lakeland, Fla.

"We selected Champion, which we have on two of the other three courses here, because it's given us the most consistently good putting surfaces for the longest time." - **Ken Gorzycki**, director of golf course maintenance at Barton Creek Resort & Spa in Austin, Texas

"If asked to do something, don't say you can't do something because it's too hard. Most things can be done if you take the time and come up with a plan. Sometimes guys don't go through with it." - **Marshall Fearing**, director of grounds at Castle Pines Golf Club in Colorado

"I don't hire skills. I hire personality and develop someone's skills." - **Rock Lucas**, owner of Charwood Country Club in West Columbia, N.C.