

that are a definite reality today. The worry, however, is that "the baby will be thrown out with the bath water"... reducing good courses to a shadow of what they once were. It is so important that a golf architect at least review design changes, as Bob states in his article, so that courses retain

their strategic value.

That, coupled with the concept that women want shorter, easier courses is not, I believe, connected to a real understanding of how women think and what they want.

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Editor's Note — We made a slight *faux pas* in editing Jeff Brauer's May column ("Design for maintenance," page 70). In the subsection about greens surrounds, the wording should be "6 feet between the green and bunker for turning," and not "6 inches..." We recognized too late that that would be one heck of a tight turn on a mower.

Go West

Editor's Note: The following article was written in response to GCI's special July Water Issue, especially Bruce William's piece, "An LA Story." Enter bit.

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In the many of the Western states private parties can "own" water, both surface and ground. These waters can and quite often are separated from the land that they may be on. In the West, just like in the old cowboy movies, people fight over water rights. No one can take this property right that is owned by you based upon the greater good as perceived by another. Your use can be regulated based upon seniority and or appropriations, but I am unaware of any takings or condemnation of water rights in the West.

Now, each state has its own set of laws, rules and regulations. Here's a wild one for you. If my memory serves me right, in the 1990s there were only eight adjudicated basins in California. If you were not in an adjudicated basin, you could drill a well for any use by paying a nominal fee. I think it was about \$50 and there was no approval process. You just showed up at the county offices, paid your fee and left with a permit. There were some recording and reporting issues- location, drilling log, perforation detail, sealing the surface - and an inspection. Does this surprise you? It shocked the hell out of me... you couldn't do that in most of the other states out here. I had just kind of assumed that California would be the most restrictive. Wrong.

I have a working knowledge of water rights based upon my time in the West and some development experience along with knowing some of the big private water "players." These water guys are a lot like oil guys. They can make literally millions or possibly billions or they can go bust if they buy into a downturn. It's really interesting.

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