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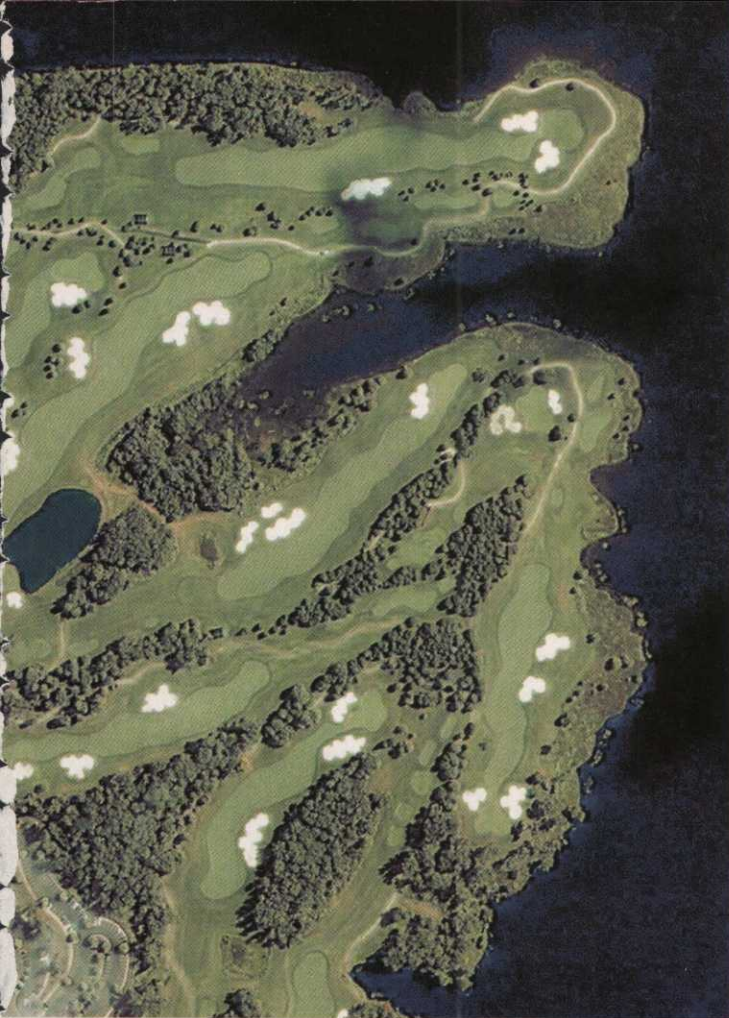
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It's time we gave our Canadian friends the respect they deserve.

By Ron Furlong





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BY FRANK H. ANDORKA JR.

Combine the power of GPS and GIS to maximize the power of your irrigation system. Read about this development and others in our special "Irrigation Trends" section.

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Illustrator Vadim Vahrameev of San Francisco ([www.vadimart.com](http://www.vadimart.com)) created this vibrant image of a hand-held irrigation control system.

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### Getting It Straight

In our February story on controlled-release products, we erroneously omitted United Horticultural Supply and Regal Chemical from a sidebar listing companies that produce the products. For information on UHS, see its Web site at [www.uhsonline.com](http://www.uhsonline.com) or

call 303-487-9000. For information on Regal, see its Web site at [www.regalchem.com](http://www.regalchem.com) or call 800-621-5208.

In the January issue, our story on bunker renovations at night reported that a fiberglass-type material, Klingstone, was used in the process. Klingstone, manufactured by Green Mountain, is actually polyurethane-based.