

The Big Picture

THE NUMBERS THAT SHAPE YOUR BUSINESS

TIDBIT OF THE MONTH

Paving Over Paradise

Owing to an overabundance of courses, with more than 100 built in the past decade, Michigan is seeing some of its golf facilities being replaced by residential and commercial developments. Although this type of conversion is happening around the United States, the

overbuilt Wolverine State, with a total of 850 courses, has been particularly active. Recently closed facilities or courses being considered for redevelopment include Veronica Valley and Mitchell Creek in the Traverse City area; Coyote Golf Club in Lyon Township; Eldorado Golf Club and Links of Pinewood in Commerce Township; Pontiac Country Club in Waterford Township; Links of Novi in Novi; Bogie Lake Golf Club in White Lake Township; and Clarkston Golf Course in Clarkston. In late November a groundbreaking ceremony was held on a portion of the former Partridge Creek Golf Club in Clinton Township for the 600,000-square-foot Partridge Creek Fashion Park. For details on these and other golf projects around the U.S., visit www.golfconstructionnews.com.

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Golf Rounds Played

The percentages below represent the difference in number of rounds played in October 2005 compared to the number of rounds played in October 2004.

| REGION | OCT. | Y.T.D. |
|--|--------|--------|
| New England ME, VT, NH, MA, RI, CT | -28.1% | -2.0% |
| Middle Atlantic NY, PA, NJ | -16.2% | 1.3% |
| East North Central MI, OH, IN, IL, WI | 4.7% | 0.6% |
| West North Central ND, MN, SD, NE, KS, IA, MO | 15.9% | 0.9% |
| South Atlantic WV, DE, MD, VA, NC, SC, GA | -8.7% | -1.6% |
| Florida | -14.2% | -1.4% |
| East South Central KY, TN, AL, MS | 7.8% | -1.9% |
| West South Central OK, AR, LA | 11.8% | 2.8% |
| Texas | 8.0% | 3.2% |
| Mountain MT, ID, WY, NV, UT, CO, AZ, NM | 7.1% | 1.8% |
| Pacific WA, OR, AK, HI | 8.1% | -1.8% |
| California | 10.0% | -3.1% |
| TOTAL UNITED STATES | -0.2% | -0.1% |

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Winning the Big One

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America asked its members: Who's the best player to have never won a Major? They replied:

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|---------------|-----|
| Sergio Garcia | 25% |
| Darren Clarke | 19% |
| Jay Haas | 15% |

Trying to be Green

Are you trying to cut back on pesticide and fertilizer use on your course to benefit the environment?

Somewhat, we're trying to find a balance 54%

Yes, we need to do our part as environmentalists 32%

No, we do what we have to do to keep the course looking good and the golfers happy 13%

No answer 1%

* Based on 379 responses

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