

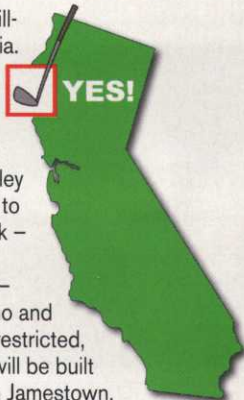
# The Big Picture

THE NUMBERS THAT SHAPE YOUR BUSINESS

## TIDBIT OF THE MONTH

### Yes to Golf in No Cal

Golf is gradually coming to the still-rural northern portions of California. Among the more promising projects is Tuscany Hills in Copperopolis, a 1,113-acre residential development with a proposed 18-hole course. Elk Valley Rancheria in Crescent City plans to build a championship-caliber track – to be designed by either Arnold Palmer or Robert Trent Jones, Jr. – next to the tribe's proposed casino and resort. Sun City Tehama, an age-restricted, 3,400-acre project in Red Bluff, will be built around an 18-hole course. And in Jamestown, the Yosemite Grand National Golf Course & Wetland Preserve is in long-range planning. For details on these and other golf projects around the United States, visit [www.golfconstructionnews.com](http://www.golfconstructionnews.com).



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## What's in a Number?

Like you, we often wonder what the several numbers plastered on the sides of big turf equipment mean. You know, like with the Acme 1023787 Super Duper Mower. What's the deal with the mile-long number?

Well, at the recent Redexim Charterhouse School of Champions event, Redexim's Daryn Clark provided some insight into what the four numbers on the company's Verti-Drain 7316 aerator mean. "The first two numbers are the size of the gear box," Clark explained. "The second number is the width of the machine, as in 1.6 meters." Joked one attendee, "It's a lot better than the 12 numbers you used to have on the machines."

**7316**



## Golf Rounds Played

The percentages below represent the change in the number of rounds played in August 2006 compared to the number of rounds played in August 2005.

REGION	AUGUST	Y.T.D.
<b>New England</b> ME, VT, NH, MA, RI, CT	0.5%	-2.0%
<b>Middle Atlantic</b> NY, PA, NJ	-3.2%	-1.9%
<b>East North Central</b> MI, OH, IN, IL, WI	-0.3%	-0.4%
<b>West North Central</b> ND, MN, SD, NE, KS, IA, MO	-2.2%	1.4%
<b>South Atlantic</b> WV, DE, MD, VA, NC, SC, GA	-0.8%	3.4%
<b>Florida</b>	0.4%	2.5%
<b>East South Central</b> KY, TN, AL, MS	2.3%	0.4%
<b>West South Central</b> OK, AR, LA	-1.6%	2.6%
<b>Texas</b>	-2.9%	3.5%
<b>Mountain</b> MT, ID, WY, NV, UT, CO, AZ, NM	1.8%	3.9%
<b>Pacific</b> WA, OR, AK, HI	2.2%	0.7%
<b>California</b>	1.7%	0.8%
<b>TOTAL UNITED STATES</b>	-0.5%	1.1%

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## A Pain in the Neck, Literally

The last thing golf course workers need are musculoskeletal disorder (MSDs), which develop slowly and can cause permanent physical damage. But because they operate various power tools, such as weed eaters, they are at risk for them. The signs for a potential MSD are below. If you have any of them, see a doctor.

1. Numbness or tingling in the arm or hand (especially in the fingertips at night).
2. Weakened grip (dropping objects).
3. Reduced range of motion in the arm or hand.
4. Swelling in the arm and fingers.
5. Change in skin color (fingers turned white when exposed to cold or vibration).
6. Weakness or pain in hands, arms, neck, shoulder or back.

SOURCE: BUSINESS AND LEGAL REPORTS

