

The Big Picture

THE NUMBERS THAT SHAPE YOUR BUSINESS

TIDBIT OF THE MONTH

Carolina Back on My Mind



After a bit of a lull, large-scale golf projects are active again in the Tar Heel state. Among the most promising are Laurelmor in Darby, a 6,000-acre development that features a Tom Kite-designed course and perhaps another 18; the 390-acre Plantation Ridge at Glassy in Gowensville, with more than 400 housing units and a course designed by Jackson Golf on tap; the Nicklaus-designed 12 Oaks Country Club, the centerpiece of a 600-acre project near Holly Springs; the 773-acre River Oaks in Pittsboro, a Toll Brothers' effort with an Arnold Palmer design; and a massive remodel of Lake Toxaway Country Club by Kris Spence. For details on these and other golf projects around the United States, visit www.golfconstructionnews.com.

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What Should We Do With Them?

There are millions of illegal immigrants working in the United States and in the green industry. What should our country do with them?

- 4%** Apprehend them and arrest them.
- 52%** Apprehend them and send them back to their home countries.
- 27%** Apprehend them, make them pay a fine and show them how they can become legal citizens.
- 17%** Do nothing. Let them stay here and work.



Golfdom's survey based on 139 responses

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Golf Rounds Played

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

REGION	JULY	Y.T.D.
New England ME, VT, NH, MA, RI, CT	-2.5%	-2.9%
Middle Atlantic NY, PA, NJ	-2.4%	-1.5%
East North Central MI, OH, IN, IL, WI	-2.4%	-0.4%
West North Central ND, MN, SD, NE, KS, IA, MO	-3.5%	2.4%
South Atlantic WV, DE, MD, VA, NC, SC, GA	1.9%	4.0%
Florida	0.8%	2.6%
East South Central KY, TN, AL, MS	1.0%	0.1%
West South Central OK, AR, LA	0.3%	3.2%
Texas	2.6%	4.5%
Mountain MT, ID, WY, NV, UT, CO, AZ, NM	-1.0%	4.1%
Pacific WA, OR, AK, HI	-1.3%	0.4%
California	-3.0%	0.6%
TOTAL UNITED STATES	-1.4%	1.4%

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Hazard Pay

According to fatality statistics, the following jobs rank as the most dangerous in the country. Golf course maintenance workers didn't make the list, but they sure have a hand in some of the professions that did.

1. Fishers and fishing workers
2. Logging workers
3. Aircraft pilots
4. Structural iron and steel workers
5. Refuse and recyclable material collectors
6. Farmers and ranchers
7. Electrical power line installers/repairers
8. Driver/sales workers and truck drivers
9. Agricultural workers
10. Construction laborers

Source: Bureau of Labor

