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MAIN EVENTS

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A shortage of municipal golf courses with championship layouts has been blamed for denying many young golfers the opportunity to become golf professionals. Too often, championship golf courses are unavailable to aspiring pros because of location, financial means, or membership restrictions. The people of Charlotte, NC, decided to change this. Nine years later they have successfully transformed a large landfill into a challenging 7,480 yard championship golf course surrounded by tennis courts, softball and soccer fields, bikeways and an exercise trail. The city appropriately named the facility Renaissance Park.

21 ELON COLLEGE COMBINES RENOVATION WITH CHEMIGATION

A growing enrollment and ongoing construction of dormitories and classrooms were putting a strain on the maintenance and condition of Elon College's 300-acre campus in Burlington, NC. College President Dr. Fred Young knew the campus was a focal point of the community, especially its 25-acre sports complex. By recruiting a talented local landscape contractor to take over campus maintenance, Young began a progressive program of field renovation. In three short years, a program of soil modification, conversion to hybrid bermudagrass, and improved irrigation have paid spectacular dividends. Injecting fertilizers, wetting agents, and root stimulants into the irrigation system has provided a definite advantage during establishment and subsequent maintenance.

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As more and more manufacturers recognize the special equipment needs of the golf course superintendent and sports turf manager, they are designing and introducing new products. This preview highlights some of these products. Use the Reader Service Card to obtain more information on these products this fall so you can put specialized equipment to work for you next spring.

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COVER: The 13th hole at Renaissance Park Golf Course in Charlotte, NC, drops 65 feet from tee to green. Photo Courtesy: Woolpert Consultants.