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GOLF COURSES USE CHEMICALS THAT ARE KNOWN
TO HARM OUR CHILDREN, PETS, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Pesticide Free BC Web Site

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Industry continues to maintain that turf operations (particularly golf courses) have to use pesticides to maintain their "green" turf.

Typical golf courses are not only heavy users of pesticides, they are also held up as the standard for suburban lawns.

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[According to Pesticide Free BC] the goal of the Organic Golf Project is to prove that golf courses can be maintained organically, and thereby demonstrate that all turf can be maintained without chemical pesticides. [?!?!]

BACKGROUND INFORMATION FROM AN INDEPENDENT PERSPECTIVE —

It is abundantly evident, and not surprising, that NOT A SINGLE Environmental-Maniac-Activist has ANY recognized expertise, training or background in matters concerning pest control products or the management of golf courses !

The opinions of Enviro-Maniac-Activists in these matters are TOTALLY VALUELESS and UTTERLY WORTHLESS.

TNeighborhood Network Organic Golf Project is an Environmental-Terror-Organization that operates in Long Island, New York.

Pesticide Free BC uses this organization as an example in order to terrorize and coerce the Golf Industry.

TNeighborhood Network Organic Golf Project itself terrorizes the local Golf Industry by aggressively and pretentiously addressing the « *potential* » ground water contamination impacts from the pest control products used on golf courses.

Lawsuits launched by this organization successfully blocked the construction of two golf courses.

Despite having NO recognized expertise, training or background in matters concerning pest control products or the management of golf courses, the goal of the Organic Golf Project is out to prove that turf can be maintained without pest control products.

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Golf Digest's How Green is Golf 2008 article discusses golf's chemical dependence and why this must be phased out. [!!!!]

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The magazine Golf Digest BETRAYED the Golf Industry. The May 2008 article is DISGRACEFUL, TOTALLY INACCURATE, and SUBVERSIVE.

One of the people interviewed in the article was Jay Feldman, Enviro-Maniac Co-Founder and Director of Beyond Pesticides, a militant radical U.S. Environmental-Terror-Organization which was started in 1981. Its objective is to « *protect* » public health and the environment, and to promote a world free of so-called toxic pest control products.

Enviro-Maniac Feldman said —

« I don't want to blame the GCSAA [Golf Course Superintendents Association of America]. But one of the problems we've had with them is in fully disclosing that they take money from the chemical companies. The chemical companies always have their hand in the trade associations. So there tends to be this alliance. They walk together in lock step. And because of this, it becomes a pro-pesticide industry. It's because of the money, the flow of funds. Ask them how much money they get from the chemical companies. It's an eye-opener to golfers who just assume that they're representing the interests of golf. »

Enviro-Maniac Felman also made a veiled threat to the Golf Industry —

« [Question from interviewer] So could you ever imagine a golfer developing, say, cancer, and suing the GCSAA , or the golf course where he or she plays ? [Answer from Enviro-Maniac Feldman] Oh, yeah, I think any corporate entity is opening itself up to liability when it uses these chemicals. We're exposed from a lot of different sources, however, so it would be difficult to prove. But yes, I think there will be cases in the future. »

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Unfortunately, every once in a while, some ?%&#? from the Golf Industry makes some lamentably bad statements. This was the case in the May 2008 Golf Digest article.

As National Director of United States Golf Association Green Section (USGA) James T. Snow DAMAGED the Golf Industry. Snow made comments that can only be described as distorted untruths that do not help the image of the Golf Industry. He has made the Golf Industry look like a bunch of Medieval spray jockeys that have been bent on polluting our planet with heavy metals and other poisons. Moreover, Snow was wrong about the history of the Golf Industry. How can this guy be even allowed to talk to the media ???

Take a look Snow's statement in the magazine Golf Digest in May 2008. The comments [in brackets] are our own, as always, from an independent perspective —

« Oh my gosh, back in the '20s they literally cured dollar spot. [Untrue !] They eliminated dollar spot from golf courses. [Untrue !] But they used mercury, cadmium and lead arsenic to do it. [Mostly untrue !] How do you like that ? All you had to do back in the 1960s was put chlordane on the greens and you wouldn't have an insect problem for 25 years. [Untrue !] »

There is a widespread, entrenched attitude in the turf industry and amongst golfers that golf courses must be exempt from rules that are in place to protect public health and the environment.

Unfortunately, law makers tend to support this position.

This is unconscionable.

Why should golf courses and other "turf" facilities (our school and sports fields) continue to use chemicals that are known to harm our children, pets and the environment ? [!?!]

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Golf courses do not need chemicals to maintain their greens. [?!?!] British Columbia has two organic golf courses ...

- Salt Spring Island's 9 hole Blackburn Meadows, Canada's first organic golf course, and
- Grand Forks Granby River Golf Course, a 18 hole, par 72 course where *"staff spend considerable time doing soil analysis to ensure the grasses — blue-grass on the fairways and bent on the greens — are healthy."*

Several British Columbia golf courses have significantly reduced their cosmetic pesticide use, including North Vancouver's Seymour Golf and Country Club and Saanich's Cedar Hill Municipal Golf Course. [?!?!]

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Within the Golf Industry, so-called organic golf courses are NOT typical. Their growing and playing conditions do not represent the vast majority of clubs.

Environmental-Maniac-Activists will argue that organic clubs are innovative industry leaders. If they can do it, why can't everybody else ???

There are approximately two thousand golf courses across Canada. Moreover, there are only four known so-called organic golf courses in Canada — Fiddler's Green Golf Course, Blackburn Meadows Golf Club, Grand Forks Granby River Golf Course, and Wild Splendour Golf Course. Because of the so-called organic maintenance practices, these courses are often only able to provide sub-standard or inadequate playing conditions for the golfing public. Moreover, these courses have remarkably atypically easy growing conditions.

These golf courses will serve as excellent examples when British Columbia phases out pesticide use on golf courses.

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and Environment (CCHE)



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*We must defend the industry,
whatever the cost may be !*

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head out of
your butt !