

THE WHOLE TRUTH FROM AN INDEPENDENT PERSPECTIVE from National Organization Responding Against HUJE that seek to harm the Green Space Industry (NORAHG)

# The Looming Golf Industry

The Collapse of the **Golf Industry Market** in the Province Of Ontario

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#### BOGUS-Organic-and-Pesticide-Free-Golf-Courses

When was the last time that a golf facility CLOSED ITS DOORS?

ic-and-Pesticide-Free-Golf-Courses.

#### Big Surprise!

Here are the two so-called Organic-and-Pesticide-Free-Golf-Courses that

- Blackburn Meadows Golf Club on Salt Spring Island in British Columbia
- Granby River Golf Course in Grand Forks, British Columbia

Evidently, any trend favouring BOGUS-Organic-and-Pesticide-Free-Golf-Courses will DRIVE GOLFERS OUT and will lead to ECONOMIC HARDSHIP and BANKRUPTCY.

BOGUS-Organic-and-Pesticide-Free-Golf-Courses are promoted by people with UNVERIFIABLE SUCCESS STORIES!

BOGUS-Organic-and-Pesticide-Free-Golf-Courses are NOT ECONOMICAL-LY VIABLE BUSINESSES.

... who would have expected a MODERN, MAINSTREAM, and ESTABLISHED golf facility to CLOSE ITS DOORS?



The Golf Industry is being SEVERELY WEAKENED by falling revenues, over-saturated market, unstable economy, and volatile weather

#### THE END OF OWEN SOUND GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

The 91-year-old Stanley-Thompson-built Owen Sound Golf and Country Club is CLOSED.

Owen Sound is a city in South-Western Ontario, Canada.

Owen Sound has a population of almost 22,000.

Owen Sound Golf and Country Club closed its doors after it became clear to

The course owes the Bank of Montreal 1.1 million dollars.

One thing the members cannot expect from the meeting is a rebate as there is no money to pay back.

The club had installed an irrigation and drainage system approximately sev-

And that was the beginning of the club's borrowing money from the bank to help cover expenses.



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## THE END OF OWEN SOUND GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB ( CONTINUED )

omy, and an over-saturated market finally caught up to the golf facility.

Owen Sound Golf and Country Club makes money through memberships, greens fees, its clubhouse and its pro shop.

The club has just 325 members aged 40 and over, and there's approximately another 60 younger than that.

That's down from a high of 700 just 10 years ago, when the club had a wait-

Adult-over-45-memberships average about 1500 to 1800 dollars per year.

And there's a 100 dollar initiation fee to buy a share in the course.



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#### THE COLLAPSE OF THE ONTARIO GOLF MARKET

Observers of the Ontario golf scene say a number of other courses are in similar trouble because supply has out-stripped demand.

The volunteer board of directors for Owen Sound Golf and Country Club cited familiar factors before shutting its doors —

- falling revenues
- over-saturated market
- volatile weather



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## THE COLLAPSE OF THE ONTARIO GOLF INDUSTRY MARKET ( CONTINUED )

While there's still hope in this case — Bob Nicol, President of Owen Sound Golf and Country Club, says the club could re-open soon with new investors, or at the very least in receivership.

It's part of disturbing trend in the Ontario Golf Industry Market.

A boom in course building and expansion in Ontario started in the late 1990s

At least EIGHT NEW COURSES sprang up near Owen Sound Golf and Country Club, which tried to compete by building a 17-acre practice facility, renovating its club house, and installing an automated irrigation system.

The financial pressures mounted.

Other Ontario courses are already hanging on by their finger-tips and needed a strong start to the season, but it did not happen.



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THE COLLAPSE OF THE ONTARIO GOLF INDUSTRY MARKET ( CONTINUED )

According to Robert Thompson, a columnist and blogger —

<< A golf course would probably need to be doing between 23,000 and 30,000 rounds to really make a good go of it.

Most clubs, given the difficulties in May, were down anyfrom that, not in the same year. >>

Thompson also agrees the Ontario Golf Industry Market is OVER-SATURATED, based on the MISTAKEN BELIEF that the baby boomers were going to take up the game in higher numbers as they got older.

There was also a MISTAKEN BELIEF that the number of younger players



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## THE COLLAPSE OF THE ONTARIO GOLF INDUSTRY MARKET ( CONTINUED )

According to Robert Thompson —

According to Peter Robinson, a contributing editor to ScoreGolf —

<< And there are these tee-booking services where you can or 70 bucks.

times, even they are struggling. >>

#### Over-Saturated Market ?!?!

#### Chesley Lake Camp Course

#### Homestead Golf and Winter Resort

#### Markdale Country Club

#### Meaford Golf Course

#### Owen Sound Golf and Country Club

#### Pinewoods Exec Golf Course

#### Sauble Golf and Country Club

#### Scenic City Golf Club

#### Talisman Resort Village Course

#### Whispering Hills Golf Club

#### Wiarton Golf Club

# The Golf Industry is not only OVER-SATURATED

We Are Now Living in the 9/11 Era of Environmental-Terror for the Green

The prohibition conspiracy against pest control products has now attained NATIONAL proportions.

The provinces are falling like dominoes.

Environmental Terrorism across Canada.

Lunatic-Enviro-Terrorists have VIRTUALLY LIMITLESS FUNDS to wreak their havoc, and they understand full well that THERE IS NO UNITY within the Green Space Industry (which includes the Golf Industry).

First municipal, then provincial, and finally national in scope, their first destructive attack will be complete within one or two years.

And then ... soon after the Lunatic-Enviro-Terrorists have tasted victory by obliterating the Professional Lawn Care Industry across Canada, the HATED GOLF INDUSTRY will be targeted in the next attack.

This time, the Golf Industry will be totally alone, and devoid of any allies to help defend itself.

The Golf Industry, because of the attitude of its leaders, and their denial, and protectionism, and mock-dismay at any form of criticism, is ignoring the supreme historic opportunity to join forces with the Professional Lawn Care Industry, and litigate against the forces of Lunatic-Enviro-Terrorist-Evil.

A failure to do so will be lethal and final, and future generations will ask the question — WHY DID YOU NOT ACT?

For the first time in all of our collective history, it can honestly be said that there is NO LONGER A HOPEFUL FUTURE for anyone in our industry, young

The game of golf is NO LONGER a flourishing Billion-Dollar-Industry

The Golf Industry is SEVERELY WEAKENED by aging and declining membership,

Golf facilities are ANNIHILATED by lawsuits with allegations of pollution

Enviro-Lunatics SHUT-DOWN golf facilities to save tadpoles and snakes

ORGANIC PESTICIDE-FREE golf course maintenance DOES NOT WORK

Bethpage and Vineyard, once used as U.S. examples, are DISMAL FAILURES

Pest control products are PROHIBITED NATIONALLY, despite being SAFE to use

PROHIBITION in countries like Denmark DESTROYS most of golf facilities

Integrated Pest Management and Green Alternatives are DISMAL FAILURES

The ENTIRE Golf Industry has its pest control product Exception Status REVOKED

Pest problems are TOTALLY UNMANAGEABLE without conventional products

The labour now needed for pest control product-free maintenance is STAGGERING

The concept of Brown Is Beautiful is also a DISMAL FAILURE

Golfers NO LONGER want to play on BROWN DEPRESSING UNPLAYABLE courses

Golf facilities can no longer offer BEAUTIFUL RESTFUL green spaces to its clients

Only the RICH ELITE golfer can afford GREEN HEALTHY PLAYABLE courses

Over seventy per cent of golfers ABANDON the sport

All golf facilities are considered as WORTHLESS investments

Golf facilities can NO LONGER AFFORD to pay the property taxes

In North America, over sixty per cent of all golf clubs CLOSE DOWN or go BANKRUPT

Superintendents are NO LONGER NECESSARY or NEEDED

The Multi-Billion-Dollar-Golf-Industry is ANNIHILATED

Large numbers of golf facilities are ABANDONED WASTE DUMPS

The Golf Industry succumbs to BLACK DEATH



## The Golf Industry Must Immediately Address **Sixteen Critical Issues**



TO AVOID THE BLACK ENVIRO-DEATH — Regardless of its Exception Status in many jurisdictions, the Golf Industry faces some huge challenges because of its high degree of vulnerability concerning several public affairs issues. In order to successfully deter the malicious efforts of all Lunatic-Golf-Hating-Enviro-Terrorists, the Golf Industry must immediately address the following sixteen critical issues.

- ing on the INEFFECTIVE Integrated Pest Management (IPM) strategies as the soapplicable to the Agriculture Industry, and NOT the Golf Industry.
- 2. REDUCED RISK The Golf Industry must DIVULGE to the public ALL scien-
- 3. GREEN ALTERNATIVES The Golf Industry must publicly DENOUNCE the so-called Green Alternatives to conventional pest control products as BOGUS. There will be NO viable, efficacious, or economical Green Alternatives within our
- 4. RIGHT-TO-KNOW INFORMATION The Golf Industry must create a fully and Scientifically-Safe.
- 5. LITIGATION The Golf Industry must directly and actively SUPPORT litigapest control products. The Golf Industry must CEASE BEING A MERE CASUAL OB-SERVER.
- 6. WAG THE DOG The Golf Industry must cease its wasteful « Wag The Dog » policies on irrelevant issues such as saving quintozene fungicide, which was Industry had launched a petition in support of this ingredient. By defending a product associated with serious health, environmental, and turf phyto-toxicity is-
- 7. NATIONAL PROHIBITION The Golf Industry must vigorously embark on a massive public relations campaign to STOP the proposed scheme by Enviro-

Lunatic-Activists and National Democratic Party of Canada threatening a national prohibition of pest control products. NDP functions as a political shield for the Environmental-Terrorist-Movement. The Golf Industry must also explain why some of

- 8. JUSTIFICATION The Golf Industry must review and justify its demands will NO LONGER invest in ANY new pest control products in Canada, since it abhors operating in markets made UNSTABLE by TERRORISM, whether political or envi-
- 9. EXCEPTION STATUS The Golf Industry must plan for the INEVITABLE and TOTAL REVOCATION of its exception status in most jurisdictions across Canada, in essary pest control products.
- 10. REDUCED USE The Golf Industry must provide the public with scientific information supporting the idea that its innovative management practices may SLIGHTLY REDUCE THE USE of pest control products.
- 11. PROTOCOLS & STANDARDS The Golf Industry must develop and publish
- credit the mis-leading term « Organic Golf Course », and establish policies for EX-PELLING clubs using this inaccurate and misleading term from its trade associa-
- 13. MISCONCEPTIONS The Golf Industry must very strongly address and other chemicals.
- 14. ENVIRO-TERRORISTS The Golf Industry must TERMINATE ALL RELA-TIONSHIPS with all organizations that conspire to prohibit pest control products, ble tournaments that provide financial donations and support to these Environmental-Terrorist-Organizations must be SUSPENDED.
- 15. GOLF CANADA The Golf Industry must OPPOSE the activities of the Loathsome and Ridiculous Golf Canada (formerly RCGA) that RAISES MILLIONS OF DOLLARS for Canadian Cancer Society, an Environmental-Terrorist-Organization that MISAPPROPRIATES this money in its conspiracy to prohibit pest control products.
- 16. POLITICS The Golf Industry must openly and financially SUPPORT political candidates who OPPOSE ANY PROHIBITION of pest control products.

# Pest control products are SCIENTIFICALLY-SAFE, HEALTH-CANADA-APPROVED, and FEDERALLY-LEGAL

In the 9/11 Era of Environmental-Terror, at least ONE MALICIOUS ACT OF TERROR is Perpetrated EVERY SINGLE DAY by Enviro-Lunatics

Enviro-Lunatics, devoid of any sound science, have been WRONG For Over 50 Years!

FORCE OF NATURE presents THE WHOLE TRUTH FROM AN INDEPENDENT PERSPECTIVE from National Organization Responding Against HUJE that seek to harm the Green Space Industry (NORAHG).

HUJE are LAWN HATERS, and particularly DESPISE the Golf Industry. Many HUJE operate Environmental Terrorist Organizations that CONSPIRE to PROHIBIT pest control products, despite the fact that these products are GOVERNMENT APPROVED, FEDERALLY LEGAL, and SCIENTIFICALLY SAFE.

It is a series of reports destined for the green space industry, the environmental terrorist movement, governments, and the media, nationwide across Canada, the United States, and overseas.

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FORCE OF NATURE, and its various incarnations, is the brainchild of William H. Gathercole and his colleagues

Here is a brief summary of Mr. Gathercole's career —

Fields of study — Horticulture/Agriculture, Mathematics, Physics

Alma mater — McGill University • University of Guelph • the first person ever to obtain university degrees and contribute to both the professional lawn care and golf maintenance industries

Expertise in — environmental issues and environmental terrorism • turf and ornamental maintenance and troubleshooting • history of the industry • sales and distribution of seeds, chemicals, fertilizers, and equipment • fertilizer manufacturing

Notable activities — worked in virtually all aspects of the green space industry, including golf, professional lawn care, distribution, environmental compliance, government negotiations, public affairs, and workplace safety • supervisor, consultant, and, programmer for the successful execution of hundreds of thousands of management operations in the golf and urban landscape, as well as millions of pest control applications • advisor, instructor, and trainer for thousands of turf and ornamental managers and technicians • pesticide certification instructor for thousands of industry workers • founder of the modern professional lawn care industry • prolific writer for industry publications and e-newsletters • first to confirm the invasion of European Chafer insect in both the Montreal region and the Vancouver/Fraser Valley region • with Dr. Peter Demoeden, confirmed the presence of Take-All Patch as a disease of turf in Eastern Canada • with Dr. David Shetlar, confirmed the presence of Kentucky Bluegrass Scale as an insect pest in South-Western Ontario, and later, in the Montreal and Vancouver regions

Special contributions — creator of the exception status that has allowed the golf industry to avoid being subjected to the prohibition of pest control products • creator of the signs that are now used for posting after application • co-founder of annual winter convention for Quebec golf course superintendents • the major influence in the decision by Canadian Cancer Society to stop selling for profit pesticide treated defindils • the only true reliable witness who intervened in the development of prohibition in the town of Hudson Quebec • retired founder of FORCE OF NATURE and A LOOK AT e-newletters.

Notable award — man of the year for contributions leading to the successful founding of Quebec professional lawn care industry, which served as a beach-head against activism in the 1980s and 1990s

Legacy — Mr. Gathercole and his colleagues .... designed and implemented strategies that reined environmental activists to provide peace for the entire modern green space industry across Canada • orchestrated legal action against activists in the town of Hudson, Quebec • launched the largest early professional lawn care business in Canada • quadrupled the business revenues of one of the largest suppliers in Canada

Mr. Gathercole is now retired, although his name continues to appear as founder of FORCE OF NATURE and A LOOK AT e-newsletters

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It is a LINK DATABASE created to support efforts to fight and exterminate the Environmental-Lunatic-Vermin with reports developed for the education and entertainment of the reader.

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