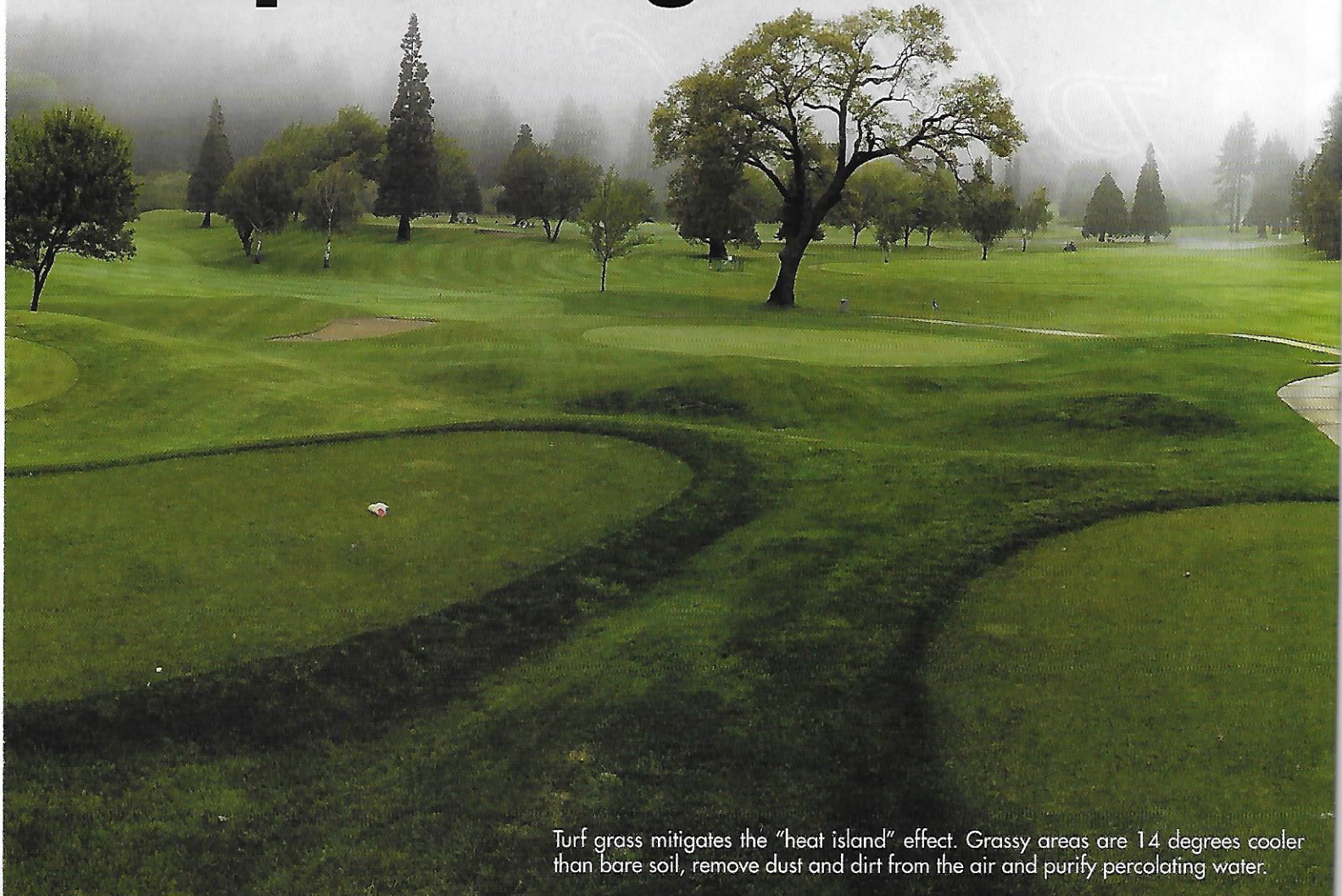


Country Club Operating 'Green'



Turf grass mitigates the "heat island" effect. Grassy areas are 14 degrees cooler than bare soil, remove dust and dirt from the air and purify percolating water.

The Lake Arrowhead Country Club (LACC) advanced its "green" efforts by converting the former fresh water pool to salt water before it opened over Memorial Day weekend.

"A saltwater pool uses much less of the caustic chemical, chlorine, which ultimately evaporates into the atmosphere," LACC announced. "It does this through the use of a salt chlorine generator. Instead of adding chlorine to the water, salt is added and converted to chlorine."

LACC assures swimmers that the salt water is not nearly as distasteful as ocean water, and is actually quite mild, containing about 1/10th the level of salt in ocean water. "It is much like a teardrop. Advantages of a salt water pool are that it is gentle on the skin and eyes, there is no chlorine smell, and it is also better for the hair and reduces bleaching of swimwear."

For many years LACC has been using reclaimed water for the golf course and landscape, in order to avoid using the critical fresh water supply on the mountain. The reclaimed water provides a high nutrient content to the grass and plants, and ultimately filters cleaner purified water to the water table. The use of reclaimed water and converting the pool to salt water are key components of LACC's efforts to be "the best neighbors to the mountain community."