Big names, big time in big way

IGM has megaplans for 'ultra-courses'

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Earth is expected to be moved by 1991 on the first of a dozen "ultra-prestige" golf courses that will usher into the United States the concept of marketable memberships.

"I'm enthusiastic right now. We're moving well," said John T. Killip, the man hired to steer International Golf Management, Inc. through the challenges of building the multiple-course network of "premier" facilities called The Partners Clubs. The exclusive, non-discriminatory private clubs are intended to answer the need of business executives, providing "luxuriously exclusive settings for social, recreational and business." Killip, IGM's senior vice president, has been busy recruiting big names, going big time in a big way. And now he sees the fruits ripening on the vine as he prepares to "get the common stock, private placement memorandum on the street at the end of May or first of June."

The first round of 1,200 shares of preferred stock should be issued by January and June 1991, Killip said. IGM will eventually sell 4,800 memberships for the first 12 courses, equivalent to 400

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2nd woman, 1st Oriental join ASGCA

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"I am ecstatic," said Jan Beljan, reacting to being just the second woman ever elected to the American Society of Golf Course Architects. Nai Chung "Lee" Chang, the society's first Oriental member, and former Jack Nicklaus senior designer Bob Cupp joined Beljan among the eight architects elected as associate members March 28 at the group's annual meeting in California.


"I'm thrilled to get in," said Chang, a China native who has been living in the United States for 20 years.