Tribe supports course project

COEUR d’ALENE, Idaho — An 18-hole golf course would be a feature of a multimillion-dollar waterfront resort complex the Coeur d'Alene Tribe hopes to build on its reservation by 1993. The favored site would be on the south end of Lake Coeur d'Alene. The local tribe is one of about 150 seeking socioeconomic development grants from the Administration for Native Americans.

N.Y. developer toes the line

GORHAM, N.Y. — Developer Douglas Negley made a public apology for tardiness in hiring an engineer for his proposed $500,000 100-acre golf course, but some who attended a recent public hearing were more concerned that Robert Topping, the man Negley hired, was absent. Topping reportedly required another week to flesh out the course application. Environmentalist Barbara Fouquet worried that rain would speed erosion. Work on the 18-hole course had been underway for over a year before Negley sought permission from the town's planning and zoning boards and the state Dept. of Environmental Conservation.

The town halted work last year, charged Negley with breaking a local erosion law, and gave him six months to hire an engineer and bring his plans up to code. Board members want to ensure that a 15-foot high earthen dike near Fisher gully and a pond which would serve as the course's irrigation reservoir would not burst.

Golf Course Europe gains momentum

MONTE CARLO, Monaco—Palmer Course Design Co., Jack Nicklaus Golf Services, Buckner Europe, Globe Golf A.G., Kato International Design and The Toro Co. have all committed to Golf Course Europe Nov. 12-14, in Monte Carlo. Coupled with the International Golf Development and Investment Conference for the first time, Golf Course Europe will feature golf industry authorities who will provide developers and owners with an insight into developing Europe, including investor financing, marketing club memberships, and tapping into the Asia-Pacific golf tourism boom.

Other conference topics include the opportunities presented by the unification of Europe and the opening of Eastern Europe. For more information contact Charles Duff at 415-453-1184.

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late responsible development, while meeting the need for affordable and more user-friendly golf courses.

• PLAYER RETENTION — Driving this session is the fact that, although some 11 million people have tried it ... most of these have remained only occasional golfers. In addition to learning what new initiatives are underway to improve this retention rate, Summit '92 participants also will be asked to help identify other actions which both organizations and individuals can take to nurture beginners and encourage more occasional golfers to play more frequently.

• ACCESSIBILITY — Since 1990, there has been a growing appreciation for the fact that this issue involves not only minorities, but women, juniors and the disabled as well. Summit '92 will ask participants to look at the progress that's been made in this issue area and help determine what more can and should be done. Golf Summit '92 also will examine the progress made on the industry's Strategic Plan for the Growth of Golf prepared for industry review and action by the NGF and introduced in 1988. The plan, which sets forth a portfolio of strategies and action plans for maximizing the game's potential for growth, will be reviewed and updated in light of current trends in golf participation and new golf course development. This year's meeting will be structured for audience participation. There will be breakout sessions as well as ample time reserved for questions and answers in the general sessions. Summit '92 begins Oct. 21. Events for that day include a golf tournament and the opening reception. The general sessions will take place over the next three days. A reception and awards banquet is scheduled for the evening of Oct. 22, at which the recipients of NGF's 1992 Grafis and Family Golf awards will be honored. For more information or to register, call NGF's Summit '92 office at (407) 744-6006.