For the third straight year, Wadsworth Construction Co. has been selected the golf course builder in the Golf Course News annual golf course architects survey. While the Plainfield, Ill.-based contractor garners votes of the vast majority of firms, some companies — Paul Clete & Associates Inc., Landscapes Unlimited Inc. and Guttler & Sons Inc. — registered strong showings. "We appreciate the architects giving us this consideration. It's a good feeling. We also appreciate the efforts of the developers as well," said Tom Fazio, Wadsworth's vice chairman of the board. Despite the swelling national economy, Wadsworth opened 16 courses in 1991 and has another 13 planned openings set for 1992. The 1991 openings include (with architect in parentheses) University Ridge, Madison, Wis. (Robert Trent Jones Jr.); Chicopee Woods Golf Course, Gainesville, Ga. (Denis Griffiths); Seven Bridges Golf Club, Woodbridge, Ill. (Dick Nugent); Bonita Bay Golf Course, Naples, Fla. (Arthur Hills); The Golf Club of Georgia, Alpharetta, Ga. (Arthur Hills); Green Acres Country Club, Northbrook, Ill. (Roger Packard); Bardmoor/Bayou Club, Large, Fla. (Tom Fazio); Cobblestone Creek Country Club, Victor, N.Y. (Michael Hurdzan); Cedar Creek Golf Course, Allen, S.C. (Arthur Hills).

Also, Deer Creek Golf Course, Savannah, Ga. (Tom Fazio); Hyatt Regency Kauai, Koloa, Hawaii (Robert Trent Jones Jr.); Conway Farms-South, Lake Forest, Ill. (Tom Fazio).

ERMILIANO GOVORUR RESURRECTS PLAN

ACME, Mich. — Gov. John Engler has resurrected a controversial proposal to replace wetlands along the Leelanau Peninsula's Crystal River with an 18-hole golf course and housing development. EPA Administrator has the agency has re-evaluated its decision to block the proposed expansion of the Homestead Resort in Glen Arbor. Developer Robert Kuras seeks a permit to fill almost four acres of wetlands near Crystal River.

Michigan's Department of Natural Resources wants to approve the project. "If the EPA allows the golf course development," said Sierra Club's Great Lakes program director Brett Halsey, "it will be open season on wetlands in Michigan."

LIBERTY STATE PARK OPPOSED

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — Scott Weiner does not believe advocates of an 18-hole golf course at Liberty State Park have demonstrated a need for it.

The state environmental commissioner questioned whether the course could generate enough money to be self-sustaining and finance improvements in other sections of the park. He did not rule out consideration of a golf course or other public use of the park if a financial and environmental need could be demonstrated.

The golf course would cover 150 to 160 acres of park land and accommodate 50,000 to 60,000 golfers a year.

VOTERS REJECT PUBLIC FINANCING

WEST DES MOINES, Iowa — Public financing to help pay for a private golf course and housing development here has been rejected by the Polk-Des Moines Taxpayers Association.

The watchdog group opposed use of tax increment financing for the Glen Oaks Golf Course Community because it was a private venture and a residential golf course development.

Insurance executive Gary Kirke had asked West Des Moines to designate 435 acres of farmland an urban renewal area to help development of the course, clubhouse and executive housing. Cost to prepare the tract for development was estimated at $50 million.
Fazio says great competition pushes himself, colleagues

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course that opened in March—"We had so much
land and so many great opportunities,
with no restrictions, that it worried me."
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playability characteristics, and the features,
creeks, trees, rock outcappings, sheer cliffs,
long-range and short-range views, the forms
and shapes of greens and bunkers, and the
vegetation."
• Caves Valley, a private Baltimore course
that opened in July — "It's tremendous—a
modern-day Augusta National. It has great
variety in rolling terrain, with the strength,
character and style of beautiful, natural golf
lands of the Northeast. Everything was per-
fected when it opened... It looks like it's been
there a long, long time."
"This is a club in the next century — what
clubs will be like. It's a tremendous environ-
ment. And the quality of maintenance, land-
scaping, setting for golf, the attention to de-
tail... Every phase of it is just wonderful."
• Champion Hills, a private course near
Fazio's home in Hendersonville, N.C., that
opened in July — "It's a Wade Hampton-type
site, only more dramatic in a lot of different
ways—maybe less dramatic in some."

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