

Rare flower threatens Minn. course

BIWABIK, Minn. — Rare floating marsh marigolds, discovered near Giants Ridge Recreational Ski Area, could block a planned 18-hole golf course. But Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB) officials, who want to build a course to enhance Giants Ridge as a year-round resort, feel the plant may not be so rare.

"We've had calls from people who say they have this floating marsh marigold all over the place. I don't think it's an issue any more," IRRRB Deputy Commis-

sioner Gary Ellefson told the *Duluth News-Tribune*.

Yet, the U.S. Forest Service says it has only two reports of sightings of the plant. It suspects other sightings were of common marsh marigold, which is widespread.

While the controversy over the plant is being sorted out, IRRRB has proceeded in planning the course, hiring Jeff Brauer of GolfScapes in Arlington, Texas, and PGA touring pro Lanny Wadkins to design the track.

The IRRRB hopes to open the course in 1995.

Ill. muni facing Dec. deadline to stop pollution

OAK LAWN, Ill. — The Sewer District has given the Park District until Dec. 1 to devise a way to stop polluted runoff from a course construction site from flowing into a nearby creek.

The course is being built over a dump that closed 20 years ago, according to *The Daily Southtown*.

The park district later installed a two-foot clay cap over the entire 88-acre golf course site to prevent leakage.

But the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District discovered a small stream of water containing high amounts of ammonia and iron running out from the dump site and into Stony

Creek last year. It cited the Oak Lawn Park District last October.

The Park District has tried to stop the flow spending \$4,200 to put more clay over an eight-by-10-foot area and later installing a clay plug over the spot where the polluted stream reaches the surface. Neither effort has worked.

It is unknown how long the runoff has been polluting the stream or if the course construction is in any way responsible.

The Park District is reportedly exploring more expensive strategies, including channeling the away through a pipe or installing a filtration system.

Va. county to raise money for public track

TRIANGLE, Va. — The Prince William Park Authority plans to raise \$13 million to finance two projects, including a \$6.1 million golf course at Locust Shade Park here.

Officials cited a "great demand for golf" in the county and only one regulation 18-hole public facility to meet that need. Fewer than one in eight of the estimated 1.5 million rounds of golf played in northern Virginia in 1992 were played in Prince William County.

Architects and engineers reportedly are being chosen for the golf course and a water theme park facelift, both of which are expected to be complete and open in the spring of 1996.

Details of a financing package are incomplete but could include a short-term bank loan or issuance of a revenue bond, according to the Washington Business Journal.

Gardens and gazebos grace new Wis. layout

MADISON, Wis. — Tumbledown Trails opened its first nine holes in early September.

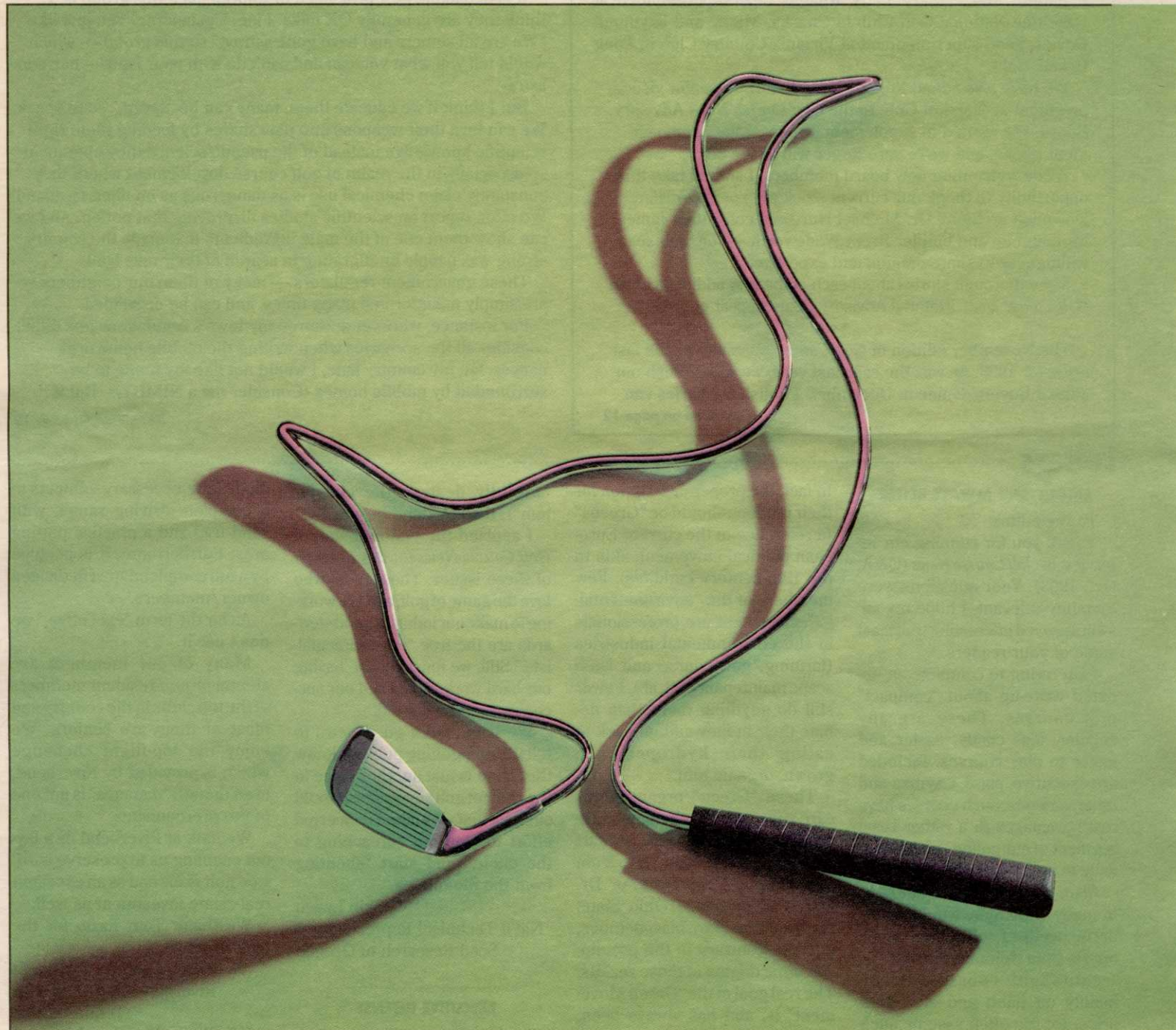
The daily-fee facility was designed and built by landscaper Jim Watts, who incorporated flower gardens, gazebos and covered bridges into the layout.

The course closed in mid-October to allow for installation of an irrigation system and continued construction of the second nine.

The grand opening will take place next year.

Correction

Due to incorrect information supplied to *Golf Course News*, there was a mistake in October's news story on municipal courses in South Bend, Ind. The city's three existing courses will not be privatized. Each will continue to be managed by the Parks and Recreation Department, according to Superintendent Phil St. Clair.



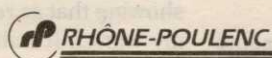
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