Proposed Washington State layout would help bring community together

PORT ANGELES, Wash.—A golf course may be "common ground" for an aging fraternal organization and young people they're targeting for possible future membership.

The Tubal Cain Golf Club — the general partner incorporated by the Sequim Masonic Lodges — proposes to transform a 5,000-square-foot home into a clubhouse and 345 acres of pasture land into a nine-hole par-3 course this summer. The course looks to add an 18-hole facility a year or two later.

Construction of the nine-hole track is scheduled to begin this spring. A driving range and putting/chipping area will be part of the initial process.

Golf club Chairman Bob Patton said the local community badly needs another public golf course.

Hank Hopkins of Pacific Golf Development Inc. is the architect for the proposed par-3 layout.

Clallam County planners and state agencies are determining whether an environmental impact study is needed.

Liberty Park links recommended

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — A 150-acre public golf course at Liberty State Park is the best way to fund other park amenities and landscape a major portion of barren Jersey City waterfront.

That recommendation by a task force drew dissent from Marvin Silber of Bayonne.

A birder, Silber contends that habitat will be destroyed by the plan.

A similar golf course plan was rejected in December 1991.

The golf course contemplated by the task force would utilize 10 acres less than a previously rejected plan.

A golf course first was suggested in a 1977 park master plan and again in 1985, but the project has been opposed by Jersey City residents.

The state must approve the working committee's endorsement.

Because Gov. Jim Florio did not make a decision on the 18-hole course before leaving office, Gov.-elect Christie Whitman will likely have the final word on its fate.