CLUBCORP BUYS 2 TEXAS LAYOUTS

DALLAS — GolfCorp has assumed management of two Texas courses, The Golf Club at Fossil Creek in Fort Worth and Padre Isles Country Club in Corpus Christi. ClubCorp acquired Fossil Creek from Hunt Resources and turned operation of the Arnold Palmer-designed course over to GolfCorp. ClubCorp purchased Padre Isles from Texas-based Asset Development Corp., Architect Bruce Littell designed the 18-hole layout.

GOLF COMMUNITIES ADDS FLA. TRACK

ORLANDO, Fla. — Golf Communities USA Ltd. has entered an option agreement to purchase Cutter Sound Golf & Yacht Club in south Florida’s Martin County. Golf Communities took over operation of the entire project Sept. 16. In addition to the Gary Player-designed championship course, Cutter Sound includes 96 deep-water boat slips and 200 homesites.

FOX VALLEY UNDER PALOMA WING

LANCASTER, N.Y. — Paloma Golf Group Inc. recently purchased The Fox Valley Club here for $4.6 million. The 18-hole layout is located near the Buffalo airport and 30 minutes from Tan Tara Golf Club, which Paloma purchased earlier this year. Paloma founder Garth Chambers also operates Emerald Valley Golf Club in Eugene, Ore., and Dove Canyon Country Club in south Florida’s Orange County.

LAKE LINDERO NAMES NEW MANAGER

AGOURA HILLS, Calif. — Lake Lindero Country Club here has named Golf Projects Lindero, formed by Golf Projects International President David Smith, to manage and operate the club. Lake Lindero features a nine-hole executive course, tennis courts, swimming pool, sailing lake, lounge, snack bar and pro shop.

AKI TABS WESTERN GOLF

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Aoki Corp. of Japan has selected Western Golf Properties to provide golf club development and management consulting services for Casers Park Beach and Golf Resort located in Cancun, Mexico. Westin Kotsu & Resorts will manage the property, which includes an 18-hole course designed by Aoki.

MEMBERS BUY INDIAN WELLS CC

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. — The partnership of 319 club members and ClubCorp has completed the $17.25 million purchase of Indian Wells Country Club from the U.S. Customs Service. The 27-hole course, which has long been a site of the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic, will remain private.

KSL solidifying position as major golf resort operator

By Peter Blais

Like a powerful army that has gained a foothold in a new country, KSL Recreation Corp. is moving up its forces and digging in for a long occupation of the golf industry. A week after purchasing LaQuinta Resort and Club and PGA West in Palm Springs, Calif., for $256 million last January, KSL agreed to buy The Doral Resort & Club in Miami. Suddenly, the Kohler Kravis Roberts & Co. affiliate was in control of two of golf’s premiere properties.

Anaheim chooses to operate own courses

By Peter Blais

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The City Council recently rejected American Golf Corp.’s proposal to assume operation of the city’s H.G. Dad Miller and Anaheim Hills municipal golf courses. The idea had split the council down the middle, with Mayor Tom Daly and Councilmen Irv Pickler and Frank Feldhaus originally favoring the privatization plan. Councilmen Fred Hunter and Bob Simpson opposed the plan, believing the city should retain control of the courses and protect municipal employee jobs.

ANAHEIMI, Calif. — The Council realized we were running a good operation that was making money for the city,” said Superintendent of Parks and Golf Jack Kudron. “We were able to convince them that we could make as much money as a private operation. That was a relief to Sharon Ericson, president of the 750-member Anaheim Municipal Employees Association.

The Council rejected it because it was pointed out again and again that the courses were already making a lot of money for the city and were in great shape,” she said.

There was no public support for the plan. AGC supporters weren’t showing up for meetings. There were even petitions.