**Grand Cayman gets first full-length track**

GRAND CAYMAN, BWI — On an island known more for diving and snorkeling, visitors to the Caymans can now add "teeing off" to their list of vacation activities. Golfers can test their skill at The Links at SafeHaven, Cayman Islands' first 18-hole championship golf course. Located five miles north of George Town, the new 6,500-yard, par-72 course cost $8.5 million to develop and complete. Designed by Roy Case, and built by Gregori International SARL of France, The Links at SafeHaven was built according to U.S. Golf Association standards. SafeHaven Ltd. Chairman Owen Maton noted the challenges his international team of developers overcame in completing the project.

More than 60 acres of the 103-acre course were planted with hybrid Bermudagrass which, for the first time in the Caribbean, was cultivated using spraying technique hydro-mulching. The landscape is planted with more than 4,000 indigenous tropical trees and shrubs, including coconut and thatch palms, mahogany, cordia, oleander and mahoe.

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**Attitude Adjustment, anyone?**

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Instead of golf industry proponents going into a fray at a public hearing wearing nothing but a flak jacket, the world will see environmental scare-ists tied up in straight jackets.

One warning for an Attitude Adjustment: Many in the golf industry have over-reacted in the past against people who have released "balanced" reports that not only point to the ecological harmlessness of golf but address practices or products that should be improved. "Shame on you," people holler when there are any negative tones to a report from the Green Section or Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. Listen up! If there were no balance, if only the rosy research findings were released and if the unflattering course from other courses on golfers' spikes?

Softspikes could resolve much of the poa annua problem, too...

Instead of Jack Nicklaus, it will be Nicklaus the First who will win the Russian Open, joked Robert Trent Jones Jr. about Moscow Country Club in the late 1980s and early 1990s in the former Soviet Union was not without challenges. Jones said that at the time of the "revolution" the standing comment was, "Now that you're going to have fewer weapons, you ought to play golf and try to get those little missiles in the correct targets," Jones recalled.

**Global gadabout Bobby Weed, the chief golf course designer for the PGA Tour, made this observation:** "Golf is the most migratory game in the world. It's enjoyed by the biggest, most diverse age group in the world."