Rulewich leaves Jones to start own firm

BERNARDSTON, Mass. — Roger G. Rulewich, a chief golf course designer for Robert Trent Jones for 34 years, has left the Jones Companies to become chief golf course architect for The Golf Group Inc., a new golf course design/construction firm.

Rulewich, 58, is a former president of the American Society of Golf Course Architects and Yale University graduate with a degree in civil engineering. As chief designer since joining the firm in 1961, Rulewich had a hand in the design of more than 150 Robert Trent Jones signature golf courses. His list of credits in which he had major design input include the Robert Trent Jones Golf Club in Manassas, Va., and the 18 golf courses that comprise the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail of Alabama.

Rulewich is the latest to leave the Jones Companies for The Golf Group (TGG) because of cutbacks with the Jones Companies. Rulewich will be a principal in TGG which includes Gary Darling as president and Pat McMillan and Jeff Bradley as officers and project managers. John Harvey, another Jones employee, has also joined TGG as a design associate.

Rulewich is expected to provide hands-on direction of his designs while Darling will lead the construction expertise. The Golf Group is based in Bernardston adjoining the Crumpin-Fox Club, a public course designed by Rulewich and ranked among the best 75 public courses in the country.

Nicklaus layout planned in Vt.

BURLINGTON, Vt. — A project calling for an 18-hole Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course and 250 houses on 440 acres of former farmland is gaining momentum in the state's largest city.

Landowner Dean Economou and his project have won sound official support so far. Economou originally offered the city ownership of the golf course, but the idea was turned down by the city council over funding issues.

Economou's plan calls for an 18-hole course, clubhouse, pro shop and dining area as well as offices and storage area in a preserved, historic farmhouse.

HAWAIIAN COURSE FALTERS

KAUMANA, Hawaii — Plans for an 18-hole golf course and country club here appear dead. C. Brewer Homes, the major creditor for the proposed Kaumana Country Club, filed to foreclose on the project. Homes alleged Kaumana failed to make payments on the nearly $1.42 million it owes. Kaumana's developers, mostly Japanese nationals, filed for bankruptcy.