STUART NAMED BELLE TERRE MANAGER

LA PLACE, La. — Belle Terre Country Club here has named James Stuart its new manager. Stuart will be responsible for overall golf, club and member operations at the Club Corporation of America-operated facility. Prior to joining Pete Dye-designed Belle Terre, Stuart was manager of CCA’s Cooks Creek Golf Club in Ashville, Ohio.

NGP ACQUIRES SEACLIFF

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. — National Golf Properties has acquired SeaCliff Country Club here for $10.15 million. SeaCliff will be leased to American Golf Corp. Located 25 miles south of Los Angeles, the private facility includes an 18-hole course, practice area, clubhouse, tennis and swimming facilities.

LIGHTNING W TABS FIGUREN

WASHOE VALLEY, Nevada — The Golf Club at Lightning W Ranch has named W.L. “Lou” Figuren director of club development. Figuren, a 25-year PGA member, will focus on club membership development and growth with an emphasis on promoting the golf facilities. Prior to Lightning W, Figuren was director of golf at Edgewood Tahoe Resort in Stateline.

CASPER COMES TO TENNESSEE

OAK RIDGE, Tenn. — Billy Casper Golf Management will provide management consulting services to the city and a developer during the planning and construction phases for an as-yet-unnamed course. The Gary Roger Haas-designed course is scheduled to open this fall.

LEGAL CORNER

Avoiding employee suits a matter of attending to details

By NANCY SMITH

Lawsuits by disgruntled employees can be more than just an Excedrin headache for club managers. They can also be money pits for judgments and attorneys’ fees. Insurance can protect against claims by fired workers. Recent court rulings have endorsed methods some companies have used to protect themselves from wrongful termination claims. They have shown that attention to detail in employee agreements can prevail against suits.

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