

# Golf on the rooftop comes to NYC

**N**EW YORK CITY — The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and MetroGolf Inc., a Denver-based company, have agreed to enter into a 20-year lease under which MetroGolf expects to build and operate a golf center on top of the Port Authority Bus Terminal, located in the heart of midtown Manhattan at 42nd St. and 8th Ave.

Approved by the Port Authority Board of Commissioners on July

31, the golf center is believed to be the first of its kind in the world and is expected to open in mid-1998. The anticipated cost of the project is \$6 million.

MetroGolf New York will consist of an approximately three-acre rooftop facility overlooking Times Square and will feature a three-level, 54-tee station driv-

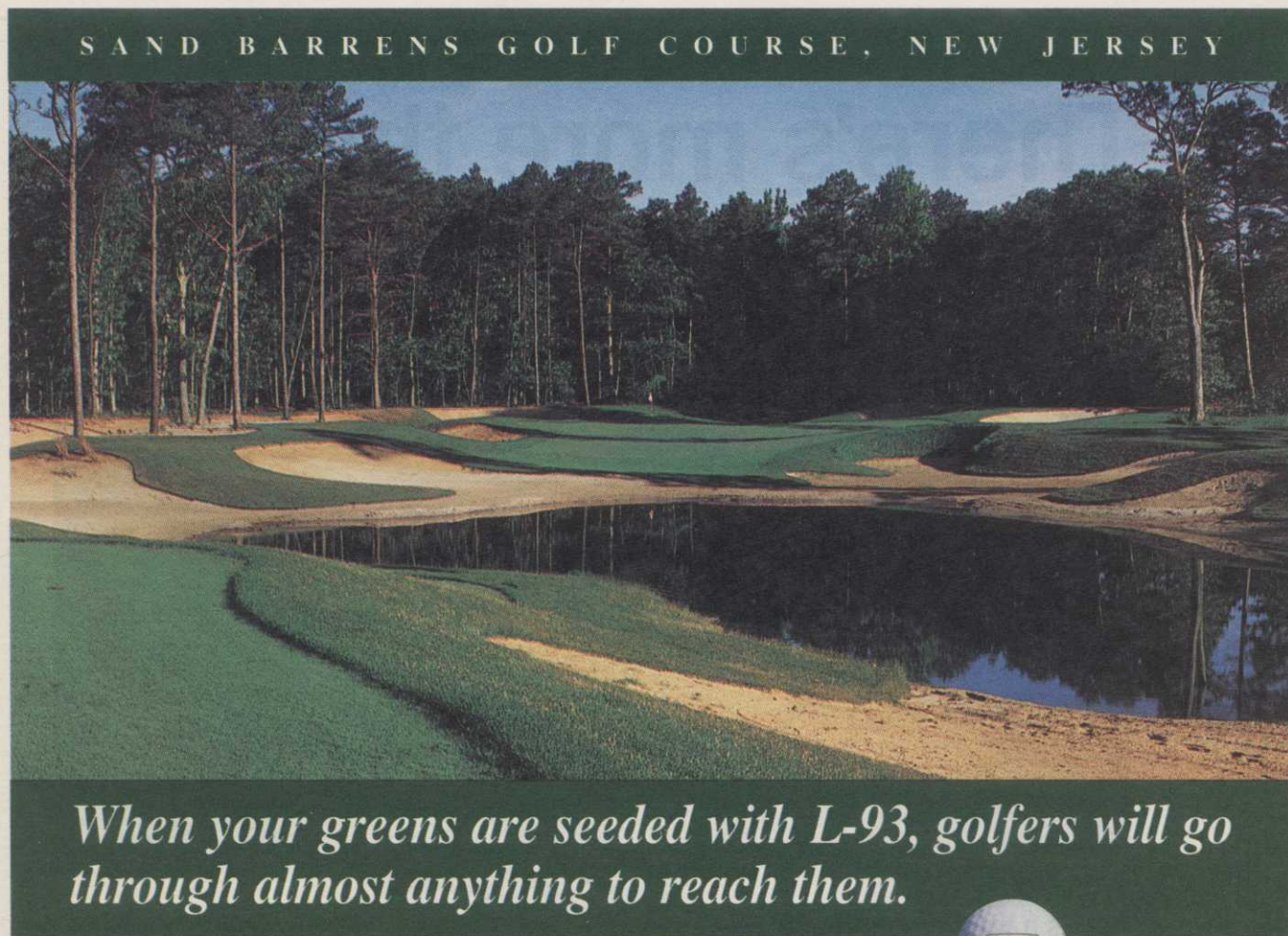
ing range encased by a netting system. Covered and heated, the range will extend over 200 yards. Golfers will be hitting balls into the panoramic backdrop of Manhattan and the Hudson River. The clubhouse will be built on the sixth and seventh floors. The space, now used for parking, is underused, compared to lower levels.

"We are delighted to establish a new golfing alternative in the heart of New York City," said Charles D. Tourtellotte, MetroGolf Inc.'s president.

Tourtellotte said: "This project represents a major milestone in the company's aggressive growth plans. We look forward to a long and fruitful relation-

ship with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey."

Port Authority Chairman Lewis M. Eisenberg said: "By bringing golf to the Port Authority Bus Terminal, we are not only improving the services provided to our customers, but also adding even more fun and vitality to an area known around the world for excitement. The golf range, like the bus terminal's Bowling Center, will be a boon for everyone..."



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## Olde Scotland brings links play to Massachusetts

BRIDGEWATER, Mass. — While many American courses claim the "links" monicker, the Brian-Silva designed Olde Scotland Links, which opened here in August, is the exception. Basically flat, treeless and wind-dependent — with golden fescue grasses contrasting rough with fairway — Olde Scotland couldn't help but be a links course. "And here's the kicker," explained Silva. "The course is located in a section of Bridgewater that's been called 'Olde Scotland' for more than 100 years. You can't fight destiny like that. It had to be a links course."

With that tradition in mind, Silva routed 18 holes through existing valleys and depressions, avoiding the need to significantly "mound up" the edges of each fairway. The putting surfaces are open in front, so players can bounce the ball onto 17 of the 18 greens.

Silva has also created numerous close-cut, greenside chipping areas that invite invention.

It's been a busy 1997 for Silva, a partner with the design firm of Cornish, Silva and Mungam (CSM), based in Uxbridge. The Olde Scotland opening followed hard on CSM's major renovations at Olympia Fields, site of June's USGA Senior Open. In May, CSM added nine holes to the Donald Ross-designed Rolling Rock Club in Ligonier, Pa., for years considered the best nine-hole course in America. Silva has also been entrusted with the restoration at Ross' classic Florida layout, Seminole Golf Club in North Palm Beach.

The Olde Scotland Links do not play "nine out and nine back," and the Atlantic shoreline sits some 30 miles to the east. Yet there are water views: 64 acres on the 200-acre site here were designated as wetlands.

Despite this high concentration of protected areas, the final course design requires only four compulsory carries — two of them directly in front of tees and thus easily avoided.

"Stroke play lives at Olde Scotland Links," said Silva. "Donald Ross said golf should be a pleasure and not a penance. I couldn't agree more."