Turnberry (and its Ailsa course), which would like to especially thank John Sauter, the world, leaves me nearly speechless. I ing our first international addition be operating officer, for his time and com-

276.2 billion yen.

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Turnberry includes a 132-room, five-star hotel, which will be managed by Westin

tion opportunities. Approximately 365 of

in the United States including Troon North Golf Club in Scottsdale; The Ridge at Castle Pines in Denver, Colorado; Innisbrook Golf Club in San Anto-
nio, Texas; Mission Hills Resort in Rancho

Mirage, California; and LaPaloma Coun-

ty Club in Tucson, Arizona.

As for the future, Gary said, Troon Golf would like to add one, two or

sea," Gary said. "Depending on en-
titlement possibilities, I could see us tak-
ing four holes of the Arran course out along the water and clearing some land for a better practice facility on the internal part of the Arran course. The Ailsa course, which hosted the British Open, we're not going to touch.

"We have a very good [personnel] team there. We have, we think, the leading superintendent in Europe in George Brown. The one thing we do know is that you don't go into markets with different cultures and try to force your own onto those groups. Anything we can do to help, we certainly will. But we also know that it is a very well run golf operation."

Troon Golf also manages 20 golf courses in the United States including Troon North Golf Club in Scottsdale; The Ridge at Castle Pines in Denver, Colorado; Innisbrook Golf Club in San Antonio, Texas; Mission Hills Resort in Rancho Mirage, California; and LaPaloma Country Club in Tucson, Arizona.

For the future, Gary said, Troon Golf would like to add one, two or three new European properties by the end of 1998.

"On the whole," the Troon executive said, "we think for the next 10 to 12 years the market in Europe may be stronger than the American market... Our next ex-

It was at the turn of the century, Turnberry lies on Scotland's west coast about 60 miles south of Glasgow. Of the two courses, Arran is the shorter at 6,014 yards. Ailsa measures 6,957. The Third Marquis of Ailsa commissioned British Open champion Willie Fernie to de-

The Royal Flying Corps used the air-

ways as a pilot training station during World War I. Following Major C.K. Hutchinson's redesign of the two courses in 1938, Turnberry again served as a major military installation during World War II as the Royal Air Force constructed an air base that littered the area with buildings and concrete runways.

The dogged efforts of Frank Hole, manag-
director of then owner British Transport

Nitto files for financial protection

TOKYO - Nitto Kogyo Co., a major golf course operator (see Troon Golf/Turnberry story), and its subsidiary Nitto Life Co. have filed with the Tokyo District Court for composition with its creditors, rendering the companies effectively bankrupt.

The court ordered that the two compa-
nies' assets be protected. Composition is an alternative to bankruptcy in which creditors agree to accept partial payment in full settlement of their claims.

According to the Tokyo-based compa-
nies, they have liabilities totaling some 36.5 billion yen, including Nitto Kogyo's 76.3 billion yen.

Troon hires vp; adds three new courses

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Troon Golf named John Easterbrook vice presi-
dent of operations and added three California golf courses to its portfolio.

Easterbrook has 13 years of golf manage-

ment experience with Hyatt Golf and Marriot

golf. "The move to Troon Golf will allow me

focus on my strengths in the areas of multi-facility management, along with be-

coming a part of our company's interna-
tional growth," said Easterbrook.

The new courses include Rams Hill in Borrego Springs, and two courses at the Palm Springs Westin Mission

Hills Resort—the Pete Dye-designed Resort Course and Gary Player-de-

signed North Course.

Rams Hill is a privately gated, residential and resort community. Ted Robinson designed the 18-

hole track located adjacent to Anza-

Borrego Desert State Park.

Built in 1987, Dee's Resort Course hosted the PGA Senior Tour's and LPGA Tour's Qualifying Finals. Golf magazine named Player's North Course to its top 10 new resort course list in 1991.

The 9th hole of the Ailsa course at Turnberry, a new Troon Golf property.