

Golfer sues N.J. facility for eye injuries

MAHWAH, N.J. — A woman golfer has filed a lawsuit against the Darlington County Golf Course, Mahwah Township and Bergen County claiming she sustained serious eye injuries from bacteria-infested water used to irrigate the golf course.

Janice Lipack, of Franklin Lakes, N.J., said she was sprayed by water from the sprinkler system while playing golf at Darlington County Golf Course May 7. The complaint states that the sprinkler was drawing water from a nearby pond that contained the acanthamoeba organism. Lipack reportedly suffered an infection in her eye that led to the loss of a cornea.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages. It also asked that a judge issue a temporary restraining order prohibiting the defendants from tampering with the water before it can be tested further.

Bergen County Parks Director Wolfgang Albrecht, who was named as a defendant in the lawsuit, said the acanthamoeba is a

microorganism indigenous to the area. He said the golf course has ceased random watering of the course during the day when golfers are on the course.

Albrecht said it is unclear whether Lipack suffered her injuries as a result of her trip to the Darlington County Golf Course.

AGC to operate New York links

MONROE, N.Y. — American Golf Corp. has been awarded the contract to manage the new Mansion Ridge Golf Club, an 18-hole daily-fee course designed by Jack Nicklaus which is scheduled to open for play by fall 1998.

Located one hour northwest of Manhattan in Monroe, the par-72, 6,883-yard championship layout is being carved from mature forests and rolling countryside at a historically-significant 220-acre country manor.

A stone barn on the property is being converted into a picturesque 12,250-square-foot clubhouse, with two meeting rooms for corporate functions and a full service bar and grill room seating more than 100 guests. Other amenities include a two-tiered driving range, elegant locker rooms and a pro shop.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY BUYS GOLF COURSE LAND

NEW CASTLE, N.Y. — The possibility of a sixth Westchester County public golf course increased with the county's recent purchase of 170 acres of the former Hudson Hills Golf Club west of the Taconic State Parkway. The county bought the land from IBM Corp. for a price believed to be between \$3.6 and \$4.6 million. Plans have been floated for more than a year now to build an 18-hole public course on the site to join the five other county courses: Dunwoodie, Maplewood, Mohanic, Saxon Woods and Sprain Lake.

Palmer may design Pennsylvania layout

LAURELTON, Pa. — A soon-to-be-closed state residential facility for the mentally and physically handicapped in Union County may be transformed into a world-class, 18-hole golf development with a layout designed by Arnold Palmer Course Design.

A group of investors has commissioned Palmer's group to do a feasibility study and develop preliminary plans and figures for a \$4

to \$6 million facility at the Laurelton Center that would include conference facilities. The preliminary plan is to develop a course and amenities capable of hosting major professional golf tournaments.

The Laurelton Center, a 245-acre site with a number of existing buildings, will close by June 1998. The state is seeking proposals to sell the property.

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