BRIEFS

JUPITER, Fla. — The 427 golf courses built in the United States in 1997 have had a positive impact on the economy, according to Richard Norton, a National Golf Foundation vice president. Construction projects completed last year represented a total investment of roughly $1 billion, added nearly 8,000 new jobs and $400 million in gross sales/output to the U.S. economy. Norton estimates these facilities contribute from $14 million to $20 million in taxes.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Greg Norman is designing an 18-hole track that will be the centerpiece of a 1,200-acre development called The Point. This is Norman’s first project in North Carolina. It will feature 13 holes that play along Lake Norman. The private course is being developed by Crescent Resources and will open fall 1999.

PHOENIX — Del Webb Corp., a leading builder of active-adult communities for people 55 and older, has closed the sale of its course and country club facilities at its Terravita community in north Scottsdale. The property was sold to an equity membership group comprised of community residents. The purchase price was not disclosed.

Best golf cities by size
(Number in parentheses indicates position in overall rank)

BIG CITIES
Population more than 1 million

Top 10
1. Salt Lake City (59)
2. Greensboro, N.C. (84)
3. Minneapolis (103)
4. Cleveland (112)
5. Oklahoma City (113)
6. Austin, Texas (124)
7. Nassau, N.Y. (128)
8. San Antonio, Texas (134)
9. Milwaukee (151)
10. Denver (164)

Bottom 10 (Worst first)
1. New York City (308)
2. Bergen, N.J. (307)
3. Charlotte, N.C. (306)
4. Philadelphia (305)
5. San Francisco (304)
6. Orange County, Calif. (302)
7. Oakland, Calif. (301)
8. Raleigh, N.C. (300)
10. San Jose, Calif. (293)

MEDIUM CITIES
Population 250,000 to 1 million

Top 10
1. Rockford, Ill. (12)
2. Davenport, Iowa (23)
3. Dutchess County, N.Y. (25)
5. Mobile, Ala. (31)
6. Spokane, Wash. (33)
7. Boise, Idaho (34)
8. Provo, Utah (35)
9. Peoria, Ill. (36)
10. Springfield, Mass. (40)

Bottom 10 (Worst first)
1. Richmond, Va. (309)
2. Wilmington, Del. (303)
3. Fayetteville, Ark. (294)
4. Modesto, Calif. (290)
5. York, Pa. (284)
6. Honolulu (272)
7. El Paso (266)
8. Birmingham, Ala. (265)
9. Stockton, Calif. (262)

SMALL CITIES
Population less than 250,000

Top 10
1. Duluth, Minn. (1)
2. Rapid City, S.D. (2)
3. Fargo, N.D. (3)
4. Waterloo, Iowa (4)
5. Terre Haute, Ind. (5)
7. Yuma, Ariz. (7)
8. Cheyenne, Wyo. (8)
9. Fort Collins, Colo. (9)
10. Barnstable, Mass. (10)

Bottom 10 (Worst first)
1. Las Cruces, N.M. (299)
2. Dover, Del. (298)
3. Texarkana, Texas (297)
4. Houma, La. (296)
5. Vineland, N.J. (292)
6. Rocky Mount, N.C. (291)
7. Odessa, Texas (285)
8. Laredo, Texas (283)
9. Naples, Fla. (291)
10. Longview, Texas (280)

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