

By MARK LESLIE

**L**ENOX, Mass. — Long-time golf course superintendent and turfgrass advisor Dick Bator and Tom Tanto of Tanto Irrigation & Golf Course Construction have formed an allegiance to work in the United States and abroad.

"We're separate but in partnership," said Bator from his office here outside Pittsfield. "We will come in as a team. I'll spec

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the grasses and grow-in requirements and hire a superintendent to oversee construction. Tom will install irrigation and build the course.

"We can offer the whole package other than the architect."

"We are entering a different phase of our life," said Tanto of his firm, which has been in busi-

ness for 29 years, building 12 golf courses and installing irrigation on another 300. "I'm looking forward to it. I think it will be a lot of fun."

Bator has been the superintendent at Congressional Country Club, Pine Valley Golf Club and Atlantic City Country Club and once before operated a con-

sulting service. He went to Atlanta Country Club in November 1996, prepped the course for the USGA 1997 Women's Mid-Amateur, and left last January to begin working full-time as a consultant.

Tanto, he said, "is one of the best respected irrigation consultants in the country. We've known

each other for quite a while. We feel with our experience in all ends of construction, plus my grow-in experience, we are a great package. We will do restoration projects as well, and I'm doing troubleshooting on all types of golf courses."

Tanto returned the compliment, saying: "Dick is one of the leading supers in the country. The first time I saw one of his jobs he was at Pine Valley and they held the Walker Cup. I have never seen a course in better shape. His reputation of getting golf courses in shape is good and he has a lot to offer.

Tanto said his company's normal workload can handle a couple of course constructions and nine irrigation projects at a time.

Bator said the tandem has prospects in England, Ireland, Germany and Sweden as well as the United States.

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### Cinnabar Hills opens for play in San Jose

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Fresh off his renovation work at Los Angeles Country Club, golf course architect John Harbottle III saw three nine-hole layouts unveiled here on Aug. 15 when Cinnabar Hills Golf Club opened for play.

The first upscale public course to open in Greater San Jose in 30 years, the club boasts The Canyon, The Lake and The Mountain nines. Harbottle carved the holes out of the hills and valleys of the Calero region.

Four sets of tees make the course playable for all levels of golfer. The facility also offers three practice putting greens, a chipping area and grass tee driving range.

Cinnabar Hills' clubhouse is home to the Brandenburg Historical Golf Museum.

### HILLS' PEVELY FARM OPENS

ST. LOUIS—The site of a historic dairy farm now shares its location with St. Louis' newest upscale public golf course. Pevely Farm Golf Club, about 30 minutes west of downtown St. Louis, opened in early June. Architect Arthur Hills designed the 18-hole regulation course on what was once Pevely Dairy Co.'s farm.

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