**Golden Bear, Weitz form construction venture**

NORTH PALM BEACH, Fla. — Golden Bear Golf (GBG) Inc. and The Weitz Co. Inc. have announced the formation of Weitz Golf International (WGI) LLC, a construction company focused on building golf courses and clubhouses worldwide.

As part of a new alliance with Weitz Golf, Golden Bear will offer golf course construction expertise and marketing assistance. Golden Bear will no longer offer construction services independently and will share in the profitability of Weitz Golf.

Weitz Chairman of the Board Richard Oggero said WGI will provide general contracting, design-build and construction management services to developers and designers.

"Golden Bear Golf made a decision to team with a contractor who has a national reputation for quality and integrity," Weitz met our criteria to a "T," GBG Chairman Nicklaus said.

"Weitz has the capacity and financial strength to handle complex projects. Moreover, Weitz impressed us with its innovative systems in budgeting, scheduling, cost control, and value analysis and engineering. We concluded that this is the best way to move our construction operations forward."

The course is being built entirely by the local community. The project will cost roughly $1 million — utilizing area volunteers for labor, locally raised money and special golf-industry agreements.

Cary Hammond, a partner in Sterling Development Corp., said the project is a community-led effort to breathe new life into the area's tired economy. "The town will be revitalized by this golf course project and the growth it produces," said Hammond. He has assembled a corps of 52 local, heavy-machinery operators, who have volunteered to work through the winter on the rough-in construction. Many volunteers are local builders, who work during the year constructing roads, bridges, and dams, and have donated their labor during a slow time of the year. Local course builder Carl March will oversee construction.

When rough-in construction is finished this spring, March and one of his shapers will put the finishing touches on the layout.

Developers took care to build all greens above the 100-year flood stage.

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John Deere enhances 2500

The new John Deere 2500-Tri-Flex Greens Mower’s cut
quality is enhanced by a new cutting unit suspension
that is designed to carry the weight of the lift arms on the traction
unit and on the cutting units. The 22-inch cutting units are John
Deere designed and manufactured and come with eleven blade
reels, 3-mm standard bedknives and a smooth front roller.

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greens, and I hit two consecu-
tive 40-foot puts which is some-
thing that doesn’t happen every
day,” said Pondel on last year’s
championship effort. “And this
year I feel pretty good, although
you never know what’s going to
happen—if you look at the tro-
phy not too many guys have won
back to back.”

Pondel, along with defending
chapter team winners Midwest
Association of Golf Course Su-
perintendents in gross, and Cal-
ifornia No. 14 net are looking for-
ward to the beautiful courses that
await them. Tournament activi-
ties will get under way with prac-
tice rounds on Friday and Sat-
urday, Feb. 5-6, a four-ball
championship on Sunday, Feb. 7.
The official two day tourney
gets underway Monday, Feb. 8.

The following is a brief rundown
of the courses that will host the
1999 GCSAA Golf Championship:

— The Westin Innisbrook
Resort will be hosting the event
at three of its courses, all of
which were designed by Larry
Packard.

— Copperhead (host super-
intendent, Bob Giampietro-
course rating 74.4, slope 140).
The Copperhead course is the
home of the season ending J.C.
Penny Classic. The 7,087 yard,
par-71 course features pine treen-
mowers, rototillers, front bucket
loaders, aerators and overseers
for golf-course construction, re-
pair and maintenance.

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Made in Massachusetts, the
diesel-powered Trucktor T-Series
(Kubota 4-cylinder 49 and 56-hp,
and Continental 66-hp diesel en-
gines) has just won the OEM
“Emmie Award” for 1998. For more
information, contact 508-745-1200.

— Island (host superinten-
dent, Carl Collins/course rating
74.1). The Island course stays
true to its name with the first six
holes featuring lateral water haz-
ards. The remainder of the 6,999
yard, par-72 course features roll-
ing terrain and cypress and pine
trees that will require pin point
accuracy. The 18th hole which
dog legs left over water will pro-
vide a stern finish.

— Hawk’s Run (host super-
intendent, Mike Blanchard/
course rating 70.5, slope 125).
The Hawk’s Run course may be
decieving in distance, but with
water hazards coming into play on
almost every shot, the 6,260
yard, par-70 layout will surely
test all golfers. In addition to
the water, there are also 46 bunkers
and a resident 10-foot gator to
contend with. This 1992 Packard-designed run
is all of the place to spray nots.

— World Woods Golf Club
(host superintendent, John
Morrison/course rating 72.9,
slope 126) This 6,900 yard,
par-72 layout designed by Hali
Irwin in 1992 features natural rolling
terrain and lush forest areas. The
challenge on this course will be
the drainage retention areas that
border almost every hole at
Southern Woods. Land in these
gassy holes and you will face
elevation changes of 20 to 40
feet from the fairway to the green
areas. Strategically placed bunk-
ers and water hazards add fur-
further dangers to this otherwise
straightforward layout.

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Vermeer packs stump cutting punch

 Packing the most power in Vermeer Manufacturing’s
 premier line of stump cutters, the 106 HP (79 kw)
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 ments in stump cutting technology in years—Vermeer’s Auto
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 courses, municipalities, public works departments and rental
 centers. For more information, contact 1-888-Vermee.

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 Jacobsen and Bunton lawn-care
machinery.

Reporting to Burtner will be
Philip Trallie who is responsible
for turf care in the Americas;
L.T. Walden, president of E-Z-
GO; Tom Meier, president of
Steiner; Bob Grenhart, vice presi-
dent of finance; and in Europe,
Paul Hollingworth will be man-
aging director responsible for
the European operations.

Burtner joined Textroton in 1980
and held various executive posi-
tions with Greenlee Textron, in-
cluding president. In 1985, he
was promoted from Greenlee to
Textron’s world headquarters
as vice president of human re-
sources. In January 1997, he be
came president of Industrial Components.

Peter Wilson, ex-president of
Ransomes, was heading up
Textron Turf Care and Speciality
Products worldwide, but has
since been promoted to president
of Textton Fastening Systems
(TFS) Europe. Wilson will remain
in England and oversee 23 opera-
tions across Europe with more
than 5,500 employees and rev-
enues exceeding $700 million.

According to Trallie, Burtner’s move to Elgin from world headquarters in Prov-
dence makes sense, geographic
sense. “Textroton has a fastening office that’s being built in Elgin,”
said Trallie. “So it made more sense to have Burtner out of Provi-
dence and closer to Chi-
cago and closer to Racine.”

As far as the ongoing consoli-
dation, “We’re about 90 percent
there,” added Trallie.