

N.H. course ready to take wing

SOMERSWORTH, N.H. — The city has finalized arrangements to build an 18-hole, daily-fee course on 275 acres of land owned by the city.

The City Council passed a series of resolutions that paved the way for the project and for the development to be financed through the issuance of tax-exempt revenue bonds.

The course, to be named Lily Pond Golf Course, was designed by Booth Golf Design of Ogunquit, Maine, as a full-scale championship layout.

The property is located on Route 108 just a few miles from the Spaulding Turnpike. Originally planned for a mobile home park in 1994, the developers lost the land to a bank foreclosure. The developers had also fallen far behind in their real-estate taxes, and the city eventually obtained title by waiving the back taxes in exchange for a deed to the property.

At the city level, the project has been spearheaded by Dan DeSantis, the city's director of development services.

The land will be leased to a non-profit corporation controlled by city-appointed directors, and that corporation will contract with a private management company to build and manage the facility. The management company is owned by Somersworth

businessmen Pat Brady and Michael Davis, both of whom own large local businesses and are active in civic matters. Their company will guarantee that the project does not exceed a certain cost (estimated at \$6 million), and will operate the completed facility on a "for-profit basis" in exchange for a fixed annual management fee and various incentive fees.

Fort Worth twister leaves Colonial CC unscathed

FORT WORTH, Texas — The tornado that turned parts of downtown Fort Worth into a pile of rubble left Colonial Country Club wet but undamaged.

Assistant Professional Donovan Solis was on site the afternoon of March 28, when the weather moved in. "It actually came down north of us," he said. "We had no tree damage or loss. We did get a lot of rain — about 3/4 inch — but no hail."

Solis added that historic River Crest Country Club, which dates its history to 1911 and is relatively near downtown, "lost a few trees in the storm."

The twister, one of the worst in history to hit Dallas' sister city to the west, left no visible tracks at Colonial. Solis said the course is "in perfect condition to welcome the professional Tour May 15-21."

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Casper returns to Va. layout

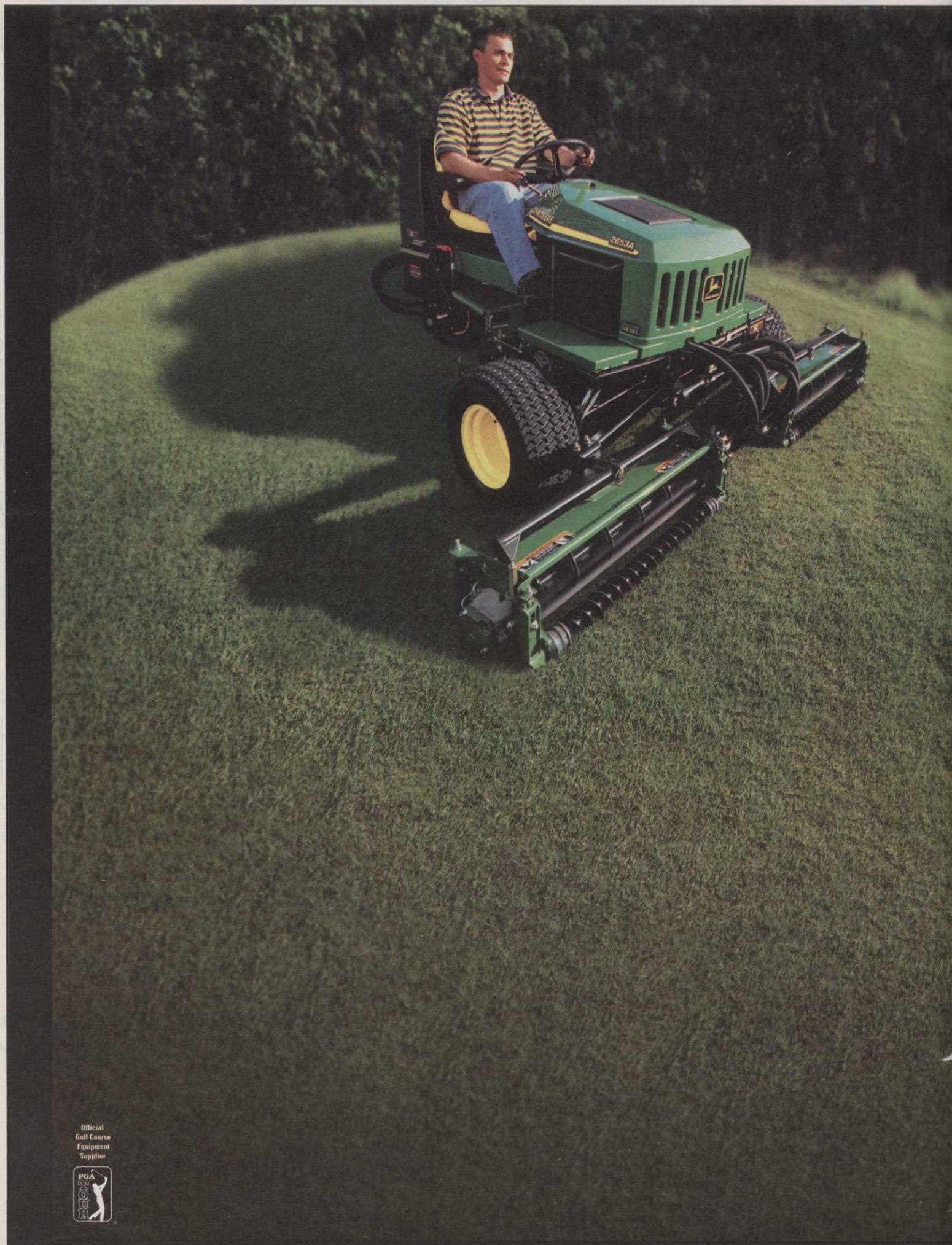
VIENNA, Va. — KSI has selected Billy Casper Golf Management (BCGM) to provide turnkey management services to Goose Creek Golf Club, which KSI recently acquired. Goose Creek is located in Leesburg, just 35 minutes outside Washington, DC.

BCGM will direct Goose Creek's daily clubhouse operations; marketing, sales and public relations; turf management; personnel staffing and training; food and beverage; golf tournament and special events programming; merchandising; and financial management programs.

The hiring of BCGM to manage Goose Creek represents a reunion of sorts. From 1992 to 1995, BCGM operated Goose Creek for then-owner Metro Golf Inc. Family Golf Centers owned Goose Creek until recently when KSI purchased the property.

Ben Hogan's record-setting round of 59 at Goose Creek helped the club reach prominence from the 1940s to the 1970s when it enjoyed status as one of the most exclusive private country clubs outside Washington. The course opened to the public in the 1980s.

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