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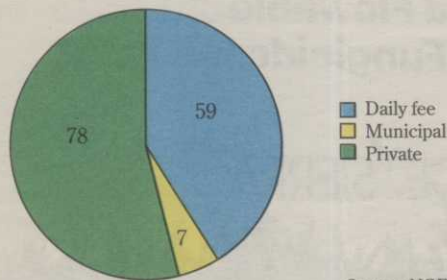
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## Big names, big time in big way

### IGM has megaplan for 'ultra-courses'

BY MARK LESLIE  
Earth is expected to be moved by 1991 on the first of a dozen "ultra-prestige" golf courses that will usher into the United States the concept of marketable memberships.

hired to steer International Golf Management, Inc. through the challenges of building the multiple-course network of "premier" facilities called The Partners Clubs. The exclusive, non-discriminatory private clubs are intended to answer the need of business executives, providing "luxurious and exclusive settings for social, recreational and business."

big time in a big way. And now he sees the fruits ripening on the vine as he prepares to "get the common stock, private placement memorandum on the street at the end of May or first of June."

The first round of 1,200 shares of preferred stock should be issued between January and June 1991, Killip said. IGM will eventually sell 4,800 memberships for the first 12 courses, equivalent to 400

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### Bardmoor changes planned

BY PETER BLAIS  
The Tampa businessman who purchased Bardmoor Country Club in Largo, Fla., March 30 plans to open one of the courses to the public and finish the last nine holes of a private, Tom Fazio-designed layout.



The picturesque 4th hole at The Bayou Club will become the 16th hole in the new layout. See page 11 for more details and news on other courses. Photo courtesy of Fazio Golf Course Design

Rand Gentry, 45, converted the Bardmoor North Golf Course, for many years the

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### Hawaii lease brings \$111M

BY PETER BLAIS  
A Japanese company has bid \$111 million to lease Honolulu's recently completed, city-owned West Loch Golf Course in Ewa.

to a private course operator, said city Finance Director Ted Jung.

However, the city council, which was scheduled to decide in late April whether to accept Jurigi Co. Ltd.'s bid, could nix the deal, even though the \$91 million profit (the course and clubhouse cost the city \$20 million) would be used to build two new municipal courses and affordable housing.

"There is some public sentiment against the lease. Some people want a municipal course right away. You know, a bird in the hand..." said Deputy Director of Housing Ron Mun. He also noted that the lease arrangement requires 150 rounds a day to be reserved for residents for two years, at a cost of \$27 a round, while the two new municipal courses are built.

Several councilors believe the lease arrangement may be illegal since the land was originally condemned to be used as a municipal golf course, not leased

Just prior to the March 15 deadline for submitting bids, opposition councilors issued a news release questioning the legality of the lease arrangement, according to Rom Duran, assistant to the city's

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### Sharpener breaks time barrier

BY PETER BLAIS  
Fledgling Bell Turf Equipment Manufacturing has developed a reel sharpener company officials say will do the job in one-sixth the time at less than half the price.

sharpener is time savings. Competitive grinders, Bell said, require two to three days for the mechanic to disassemble his mower, mount the reels onto the grinder, then re-assemble the mowing unit once the job is done.

The San Jose, Calif. firm is being wooed with joint manufacturing proposals from several large companies for Reel Mate, a test unit the company's founder believes will be eagerly sought after by superintendents once it goes into production.

The Reel Mate, which weighs 27 pounds compared to the 800 pounds of most grinders, attaches permanently to the tractor and sharpens the reels in about four hours.

"There's been a lot of interest," said company President Pete Bell, 30, a former golf course mechanic.

It also requires far less monitoring. A mechanic must adjust a manual grinder every three or four minutes, said Bell. The Reel Mate's micro-processor allows the mechanic to program the job and then

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### 2nd woman, 1st Oriental join ASGCA

BY MARK LESLIE  
"I am ecstatic," said Jan Beljan, reacting to being just the second woman ever elected to the American Society of Golf Course Architects.

Nai Chung "Lee" Chang, the society's first Oriental member, and former Jack Nicklaus senior designer Bob Cupp joined Beljan among the eight architects elected as associate members March 28 at the group's annual meeting in California.

Others joining the exclusive association, which now numbers 108, are Keith Foster, from Arthur Hills' Arizona office; Tom Marzolf, a colleague of Beljan in Tom Fazio's North Carolina office; W. Bruce Matthews III from Gerald Matthews' firm in Lansing, Mich.; Mark A. Mungeam of Cornish & Silva in Andover, Mass.; and Tom Pearson of Golden Bear International in North Palm Beach, Fla.

"I'm thrilled to get in," said Chang, 43, a China native who has been living in the United States for 20 years. "This is important in my personal development. I've been looking to

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# NEW COURSES

## Nicklaus' son designing his first course

Jack Nicklaus II, 28, is designing his first course just six miles from where his father is building a course.

The younger Nicklaus' 27-hole project, called The Champions Club, is located in Genoa Township in central Ohio. Midwest Golf Inc. hired Jack Nicklaus Golf Services to design the course that will be part of a 600-acre residential development. Construction will begin this year with the course opening in 1992.

The elder Nicklaus is designing a course for the Villages at Rocky Fork near New Albany.

## Bayou Club

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site of the J.C. Penney Classic, from a private to a daily fee facility on April 16.

The nine-hole Bayou Club, where construction stopped after the second nine became bogged down in the environmental permit process in 1987, will expand to 18 holes. Work has begun on the new Fazio nine, which should be ready for play in January.

The Bardmoor clubhouse will be torn down and replaced by a new, Dick Deitrick-designed facility.

Meanwhile, the 18-hole Bardmoor South Golf Course has been closed. Some of the land will be used to complete the Bayou Club course. The remainder will become executive home-sites for a private, residential community called Bayou Club Estates. Homes will range in price from \$300,000 to \$1 million.

Gentry believes the changes fill a couple of Pinellas County's more pressing needs.

Bayou Club Estates will address the shortage of high-end executive homes revealed in a recent countywide economic study, said Gentry. Despite golf's growing popularity in Florida's most densely populated county, four of the county's public courses have closed or converted to private facilities in the past 18 months, said Gentry.

"Changing the North course to daily fee will fill the market for a high-quality, public facility," he added.

Plans also call for eventual construction of a hotel-conference center.

Gentry has been involved in the Tampa-area real estate development market for the past 17 years. His most recent efforts, however, have taken him to Chicago, where he developed Stonebridge, a residential golf community with a Fazio-designed course that the Chicago Sun Times selected the 1989 Development of the

# Golf courses newly planned in the U.S.

Location	Course Name	Type	Holes	Address	Architect/Contact
<b>California</b>					
Clayton	Oakhurst CC	D	18	Clayton Rd.	Ronald Fream
Davis	Wildhorse GC	N/A	18	N/A	Robert T. Jones, Jr.
Modesto	Dry Creek	M	18	Lakewood Ave.	Jerry Ferrera
San Rafael	N/A	M	9	McInnis Park	Don Dimitratos
<b>Colorado</b>					
Glenwood Springs	N/A	M	18	806 Cooper Ave.	Richard Phelps
Lakewood	N/A	M	27	Bear Creek Lake Park	Denis Griffiths
<b>Florida</b>					
Palm Beach	Ibis Golf & CC	P	18	Northlake Blvd.	Jack Nicklaus II
<b>Georgia</b>					
Greensboro	Great Waters GC	P	18	Reynolds Plantation	Jack Nicklaus
<b>Idaho</b>					
Idaho Falls	N/A	M	18	East River and Tower Rds.	William H. Neff
<b>Illinois</b>					
Breese	N/A	M	9	N/A	Charles Hilmes
<b>Indiana</b>					
Franklin Township	N/A	N/A	18	Thompson & Senour Rds.	Dan Adams
Shelbyville	N/A	M	18	N/A	Mayor Dan Theobald
<b>Kentucky</b>					
Independence	Kenton County GC	N/A	18	N/A	Arthur Hills
<b>Nevada</b>					
Henderson	Cosmo World	P	45	Maryland Pkwy	Jack Nicklaus
<b>New York</b>					
New York	OrangeburgManhattan Woods GC	P	18	N/A	Cornish & Silva
<b>North Carolina</b>					
Davidson	River Run Golf & CC	P	18	Davidson-Concord Rd.	Rt. Walker-Raymond Floyd
<b>Ohio</b>					
Boone County	Traditions GC	D	18	Rt. 237	Ken Heil
Cincinnati	Equinus GC	P	18	Warnerton Farms	Arthur Hills
<b>Oregon</b>					
West Linn	Oregon GC	P	18	N/A	Kenneth Kavanaugh
<b>Pennsylvania</b>					
Allentown	The Center Valley Club	P	18	Center Valley	Cornish & Silva
Ambler	Oak Terrace GC	N/A	18	N/A	Cornish & Silva
Blue Bell	BallenRose GC	P	18	100 BallenRose Dr.	Arnold Palmer
Canonsburg	N/A	P	18	Southpointe	Millcraft Investments
<b>South Carolina</b>					
Hilton Head	Palmetto Hall Plantation	P	18	Palmetto Dunes	Arthur Hills
<b>Tennessee</b>					
Knoxville	River Islands Club	P	18	Kodak Rd.	Arthur Hills
<b>Utah</b>					
Salt Lake City	Wingpointe	M	18	N/A	Arthur Hills
<b>Virginia</b>					
Roanoke	Hanging Rock GC	M	18	Red Lane	Joe Thomas
<b>Wisconsin</b>					
Luck	Luck Golf Course	M	9	1520 South Shore Dr.	Gordon Emerson
Wausau	Greenwood Hills GC	P	18	County Highway N	William Greenwood

Each month *Golf Course News* publishes a listing, along with news stories, on new courses being built across the country. Let us know about your project by writing: *Golf Course News*, P.O. Box 997, Yarmouth, ME 04096. Color photographs are welcome.

Year; Oakhurst, a 2,000-home complex of \$200,000-plus homes; and 35-acre Meadowland Corporate Park.

In Tampa, he is best known for a pair of Gulf Coast waterfront communities, Sea Forest and Gulf Landings, Inc. He was also involved with residential development at Sawgrass in the mid-1970s.

Bardmoor will be managed by Scottsdale, Ariz.-based Western Golf Properties. Principals Joe Black and Mark Kizziar, both past presidents of the PGA Tour, are managing or developing 17 golf facilities throughout the United States.

"The Bayou Club is a very exciting development," Black said.



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