

**NEWS**

**Rodriguez Foundation and GCN set tourney**

*Golf Course News* in association with the Chi Chi Rodriguez Youth Foundation will host a golf outing for exhibitors, distributors and their guests on Feb. 13 to climax the 62nd GCSAA International Golf Course Conference and Show.

The event will benefit the Clearwater, Fla. foundation's work with underprivileged children and families as well as serve as a final get-together for the industry, according to *Golf Course News* publisher Charles E. von Brecht.

"In my travels over the last couple of years, I've uncovered an interest by suppliers to the industry to get together somewhere other than the exhibition floor," von Brecht said.

"I realize some exhibitors play in the superintendents' tournament. However, because of limited openings, there have been fewer supplier participants in the last few years."

The golf outing will lend a less formal atmosphere, he said.

It is planned as an informal foursome scramble. It will be held at the Legacy Golf Club in Henderson, Nev., near Las Vegas.

The contribution for the event will include golf, cart fee and lunch.

Interested people should contact *Golf Course News* at 7901 Fourth St., North, Suite 311, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33702; 813-576-7077.

**Monaghan's project meets opposition**

Developers of Settlement, a proposed golf and residential development near Ann Arbor, Mich., say the plan cannot move forward without a Department of Natural Resources permit to alter 16 acres of wetlands.

If the permit is granted, developers could seek township approval for the project. Without it, the project would have to be re-evaluated.

Most of the 150 people at a late June DNR public hearing were opposed to Domino's Pizza founder Thomas S. Monaghan's wetlands permit request for the 18-hole course.

Opponents feared pesticide contamination from the course. They believe chemicals could pollute wells and feed into Fleming Creek, a tributary of the Huron River.

Developers have promised to use less dangerous and fewer chemicals than the typical golf course.

**Florida Golf Council being created**

**Summit to draw government, golf industry together**

After months of discussion and continually increasing pressure on Florida golf development, industry leaders have formed the Florida Golf Council to serve as the voice of the state's golf business.

Major government and industry leaders will speak at the council's inaugural Florida Golf Summit. To be held in Orlando on Oct. 11-13 at

the Grand Cypress Hotel, the summit focus on government relations.

Among the speakers will be Gov. Bob Martinez, Secretary of Commerce Bill Sutton and golf course designer Tom Fazio.

Also present will be representatives of key governmental permitting agencies, major golf associations and architectural firms, along with experts in water management, environmental permitting and financing.

As one architect said: "Golf is a \$5.5-billion-a-year business in Florida and we don't have a lobbyist at the statehouse... Myrtle Beach (S.C.) spends more to promote golf than the entire state of Florida... Hopefully this will be the first step in changing that situation."

To register for the summit or get further information, people may contact Nancy Oliver, Florida Golf Council, 1401 Forum Way, Suite 100, West Palm Beach, Fla. 33401; telephone 407-688-0800.

**Pollard cited for article on Pebble Beach**

Frank Pollard, a freelance writer in Hollister, Calif., won a second place for outstanding journalistic achievement in the

GCSAA's annual awards for a story that appeared in the December 1989 issue of *Golf Course News*.

Pollard was cited for his account of the maintenance at Pebble Beach Golf Links since its construction 70 years ago.

**Illinois gives incentives**

The Illinois state legislature has passed State Sen. Frank C. Watson's bill providing incentives for golf resort developers of Carlyle Lake in southern Illinois.

The bill allows the Department of Conservation to provide up to 35 percent of the cost of developing concessions at the property.

Two developers have submitted resort proposals. In addition to the golf course, the facility could include a 125-room hotel and meeting rooms, swimming pool, tennis courts and spa.

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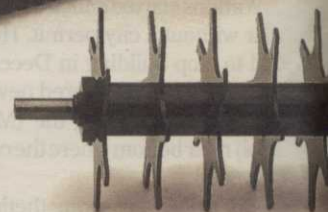
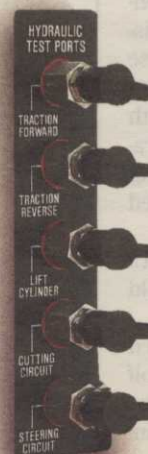
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