

Rochester will construct city's fourth golf course

ROCHESTER, Minn. — The Rochester City Council will spend \$360,000 for 200 acres that will become the city's fourth golf course.

The land will be paid for over the next two years with tax funds. The site includes the former Hadley Valley School, which will be used as the clubhouse, a barn to be used for maintenance, and a farm.

Construction costs of the \$2.1 million project, due for completion in 1996 or 1997, will be paid through surpluses in the golf

operating budget. The land acquisition is being financed primarily with tax money.

The council approved the request, 6-1. Parks Superintendent Roy Sutherland said the growing demand for golf and a city-commissioned study indicates the city can support 2-1/2 more courses by the year 2000.

The 18-hole, par 72 course will not be included in the season pass for the other three courses. It is planned as an upscale course.

Parks & Rec Dept. buys Sunset Hills in Charlotte, N.C.

CHARLOTTE, N. C. — Sunset Hills Golf Course in northwest Charlotte has been sold to the Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation Department for \$3.65 million for use as a public golf course.

The 265-acre site includes the 156-acre, 18-hole course and 109 acres of undeveloped land.

Wayne Weston, director of Parks and Recreation for Mecklenburg County, said, "The Parks Department's master plan recommended that the city or county acquire publicly accessible golf courses."

"I think it's a jewel," added Nancy Brunnemer, chief of the Division of Planning Service, Mecklenburg County Parks & Recreation Department.

Bono prods Palm Springs for more golf

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. — Sonny Bono's swinging these days is largely in behalf of golf.

The former pop star and husband of Cher, and mayor of Palm Springs since 1988, said in a recent State of the City address that Palm Springs must develop first-rate golf resorts to save its sagging tourist industry.

"Our options for tourists now are to go shopping and buy some T-shirts. That's just not enough," Bono said.

He said five major resort complexes with golf courses are planned.

Course, marina part of complex

ANDERSON, S.C. — A golf course, marina and \$13 million Sheraton hotel will be part of a \$20-million complex to be built along the shoreline in Oconee County near Interstate 85.

Similar plans fell through in the 1960s, leaving the state tourism department to manage the 100 acres that had been set aside.

Gambling proposal hotly opposed, denied

Plans for a \$100-million development straddling the Mississippi and Tennessee borders have met strong voter disapproval.

Rejection in recent referendum reached almost 60 percent. Riverboat gambling was the thorny issue.

Had gambling been voted in,

International hotel and casino owner Jack Pratt and Memphis, Tenn., developer Jack Belz envisioned 300 vacant acres being filled by a factory outlet, mall, hotels, shopping center, golf course and an upscale residential complex.

The development would have been

built on land Belz owns west of U.S. 61 near State Line Road — near Memphis International Airport.

Olive Branch, Miss., among DeSoto County's most prosperous areas, has four 18-hole golf courses.

Developers may re-submit plans next year.

Mayfair Golf to sublease land and build 18 in Texas

GRAPEVINE, Tex. — It's more than just a grapevine rumor.

The City Council has authorized a contract with Mayfair Golf, Inc., for the sublease of land to be used

for an additional golf course adjacent to the municipal course and west of the Hilton Hotel.

The course will be a complementary facility to the municipal

course.

Construction should be completed within a year of approval by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

**In side by side comparisons
no competitive greens mower
provides a higher quality of cut.**

The fact is that Ransomes new Greens 3000 picks up where the competition leaves off. And the proof is in a truer, closer putting surface. ■ We challenge

anyone in the industry to mow

any green. Then mow the same green with our

new Greens 3000. We're confident that you'll

see how Ransomes unique Vertigroom

cutting units provide scuff-free

mowing for a closer, more

even cut on any sur-

face. ■ Call your

local Ransomes

dealer today for more

details and to arrange a

free demonstration. Or call us

direct at 414-699-2000. And see for yourself that when it comes to greens mowers,

anything less than a Greens 3000 simply won't cut it.

Where great ideas start.

RANSOMES