

USGA women's panel nominates Beard

FARHILLS, N.J. — Ann Beard of Essex Fells, N.J., has been nominated as chairman of the Women's Committee of the United States Golf Association.

The announcement was made by Cynthia Foshay, chairman of the Women's Nominating Committee. Members of the Women's Committee will be confirmed during the USGA's 97th annual meeting, in Minneapolis, Minn., at the end of January.

Barbara McIntire of Colorado Springs, Colo., has been nominated as vice chairman.

Three new members of the Women's Committee were nominated also: Ann Henderson of Stratford, Conn.; Pat Johnstone of Dublin, Ohio; and Nancy Koustas of Dearborn, Mich.

Leaving the Women's Committee are Betty Richart of Ann Arbor, Mich., after 17 years of service, including the last two as chairman; Gretchen Dennison, of Girard, Ohio, after nine years; and Julie Madison of Jacksonville, Fla., after 11 years.

First appointed to the Women's Committee in 1981, Beard has been vice chairman the last two years. She was chairman of the Girls' Junior Committee from 1984 through 1988, and chairman of the

Queen's Harbour ready to open

ATLANTIC BEACH, Fla. — Queen's Harbour Yacht & Country Club golf course, designed by Mark McCumber & Associates, is complete and will open in early spring.

Golf course superintendent Frank Sbarro has established the turf on the 7,012-yard, par 72 championship course, said J. Christopher Commins, senior vice president and project architect for McCumber.

Membership play and invited guests had the chance to preview the course in December on a limited basis.

"The Queen's Harbour Course was a particularly challenging design project from the standpoint of the unique peninsula surrounded by tidal marshes, with the Intracoastal Waterway to the east and Greenfield Creek to the west and the St. Johns River to the north," Commins said. "The holes wander through outstanding oak hammock, providing fairways that are framed by majestic oaks, pines and hickories. In several instances, the layout borders the wetland edge of the acreage, providing beautiful marshland views."

New 18s featured

"Great New Golf Courses," a 1991 calendar with photography by Mike Klemme, is on bookstore shelves nationwide. The 13-month calendar contains dozens of full-color photos of 26 of the most beautiful and challenging golf courses built in the United States in the last decade.

The calendar is published by Harry N. Abrams, Inc., of New York.

Women's Handicap Procedure Committee in 1985 and 1986. She is a member of Essex Fells Country Club.

McIntire has been a member of the Women's Committee since 1985. The U.S. Women's Amateur champion in 1959 and 1964, she is chairman of the Women's International Team Selection Committee, and has helped set up golf courses for several women's championships. She is a member of Broadmoor Golf Club in Colorado Springs, Colo.

NGF survey claims public courses raise \$232M yearly

JUPITER, Fla. — Local amateur golf tournaments raise some \$232 million a year for charity in the United States, according to a National Golf Foundation survey.

Another \$30 million is raised by the men's and women's pro tours.

In addition to such major national charities as United Way, Ronald McDonald House and the Special Olympics, primary beneficiaries of these charity dollars include scores

of local youth athletic programs, anti-drug campaigns and other civic organizations.

"It's been no secret that golfers contribute millions each year to both local and national charities," said NGF President and Chief Executive Officer Joseph F. Beditz. "Not until now, however, have we known just how big a number we were really talking about. It's a tremendous tribute to the game and those who

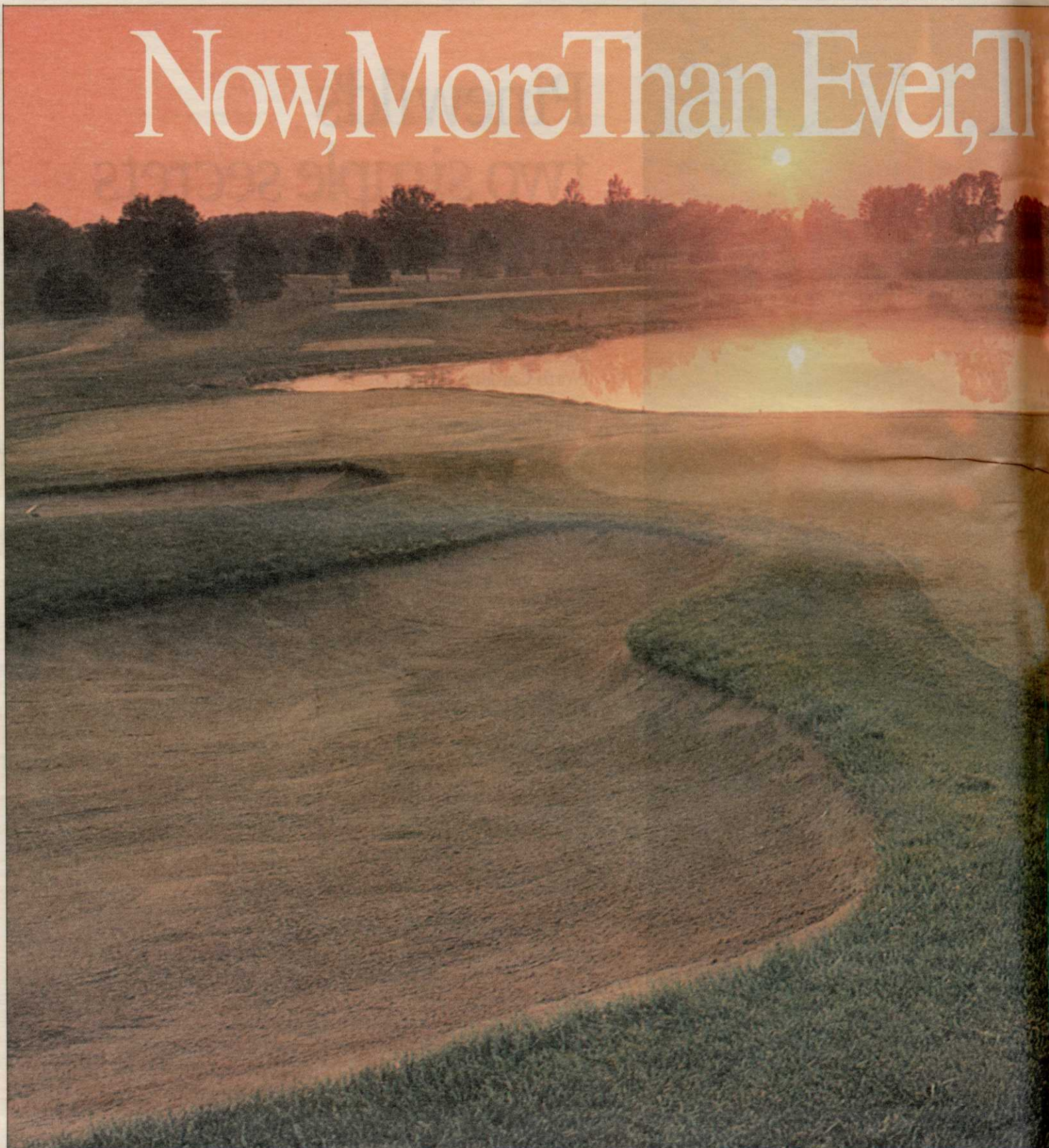
play it."

The survey shows that nearly half of America's golf facilities conduct at least one charitable golf event a year. Some 35,000 of these events are staged annually.

Public facilities host seven out of 10 of these events. On the other hand, \$6 out of every \$10 raised is from tournaments at private clubs.

It is also estimated that 3.6 million people participate each year.

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