

Breckenridge investigating major Vegas development

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Breckenridge Development Corp. has taken the golf plunge in a big way.

After construction of \$25 million golf resorts The Legends in St. Louis and the Lely in Naples, Fla., Breckenridge is eyeing a similar setup in Las Vegas.

Owner-president Don Breckenridge has phased out his hotel and resort development operations for what he believes is a more profitable field — golf.

The company has sold more than

\$5 million of private country club golf memberships in Naples, and more than \$2 million in St. Louis for the last quarter of 1990 — up 30 percent from the same period in 1989. Construction crews are working on a third nine for the Legends, and ground-breaking on both an 18-hole public course and a hotel is scheduled in the fall.

Lely Resort plans include a hotel and 54 holes of golf — one private course, already completed, and two public courses.

Md. lawmakers restore \$7M for course

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — The Maryland Legislature has restored money for a \$7.2-million golf course at Rocky Gap State Park in Allegany County.

The Legislature had refused to

spend state money for the course until assured that a 240-room lodge and conference center adjacent to it would be built.

A spokesman for Gov. William Donald Schaefer said there now is

every confidence that the developer will attain that objective.

Schaefer has promoted the plan as an economic development project for western Maryland that would generate 300 to 400 jobs.

First Golf studying feasibility for Richmond muni

RICHLAND, Wash. — Richmond City Council members are awaiting results of a study on the feasibility of an 18-hole golf course at Horn Rapids.

Cost would be between \$2 mil-

lion and \$3 million.

If the study by First Golf Corp. of Tempe, Ariz., indicates the city should proceed, groundbreaking would be May 15, and the course would be open in July 1992, accord-

ing to a city staff report.

If First Golf supervises construction, it would assume ownership. The city would then buy the course over a period of time with revenues from the golf course.

U.S.-Japanese partners propose \$50M project

DILLON BEACH, Calif. — A 36-hole, \$50-million golf course on the ocean at Dillon Beach has been proposed to the Marin County Planning Department by developers Blue Star Resorts of Lafayette and Kasugi Kanko Kaihatsu Co. of Japan.

Branwell Fanning, a real-estate agent and former mayor of Tiburon, has promoted the resort plan ever since the developers acquired the property a few years ago.

The developers envision the Marin Coast Golf Ranch becoming the Pebble Beach of the North Coast.

In addition to the golf course, plans call for a 200-room lodge, restaurant and conference center.

The 1,254 acres now is zoned for agricultural use and functions as a sheep ranch.

USGA names Wolper to board

FAR HILLS, N. J. — David L. Wolper, prominent film and television producer, has been appointed to the USGA Foundation's board of directors.

The foundation raises and distributes funds to promote activities such as junior golf programs for disadvantaged youth.

Wolper is chairman of the Amateur Athletic Foundation of Southern California.

Wolper also will serve on the USGA Museum and Library Committee. Joining him as a new committee member is Jaime Ortiz-Patino, a member of the USGA's Green Section Committee.

Ortiz-Patino is president of Valderrama Golf Club in Prov. De Cadiz, Spain. He was president of the World Bridge Federation from 1976 to 1986.

Architects move

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Howard Needles Tammen & Bergendoff is moving back to the heart of the city.

The architects-engineers-planners firm has relocated its Kansas City office to 1201 Walnut, Suite 700, 64106; telephone 816-472-1201.

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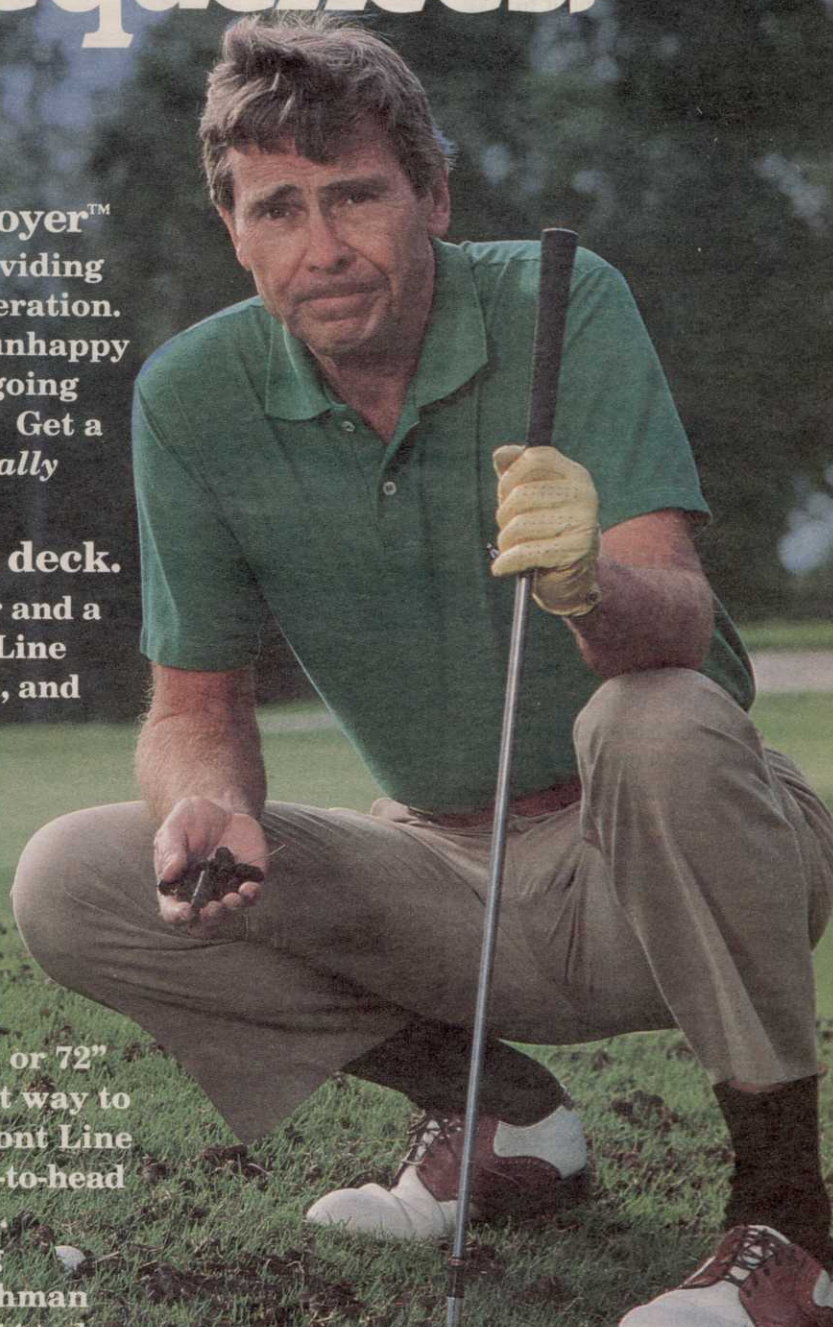
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