

Seed Research Foundation initiates endowment fund

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The board of directors of the American Seed Research Foundation has established a new endowment fund.

It has been developed from a combination of funding sources: ASRF's life members, the Fred Rohnert Endowment and the Robert Huey Memorial Fund.

Its purpose is to give seedsmen and others a way to contribute to basic seed research through ASRF by making life contributions or bequests to ASRF in their wills.

In addition, families of deceased

seedsmen may designate or recommend that memorial contributions be made to ASRF and employers may make contributions to the foundation in the name of deceased employees.

Endowment fund principal, currently more than \$70,000, is to be kept intact, the interest earned used to encourage basic seed research.

ASRF, headquartered at 1030 15th St., N.W., Ste. 964, Washington, D.C. 20005, lists 63 seed companies and state and regional seed associations as members.

Palisade center of construction at two sites

PALISADE, Calif. — Grand Junction area golfers soon may have a wealth of playing riches.

Construction has begun on the 18-hole golf course east of Fruita, while the Grande River golf course near Palisade has received a financial infusion.

Ned Wilson, whose family is building the 18-hole layout along the Colorado River near 18 Road in Fruita, anticipates course opening in the summer of 1992.

New Golf Concepts of Denver has bought the Grande River course, started by local investors

more than five years ago.

New Golf will erect a lighted driving range. If construction of the nine-hole course starts in the fall, it could be ready in the fall of 1992.

New Golf also has options to buy additional land for an existing nine-hole course or a nine-hole par three.

Palmer course getting two years grow-in

Arnold Palmer-designed Fawn Lake course in northern Spotsylvania County in Pennsylvania probably won't be ready for play until at least the fall of 1984.

Palmer's firm has advised allowing two full growing seasons for new grass.

The course will be semi-public at first. If growth occurs as projected,

the facility will be for Fawn Lake residents only.

Washington Redskins football coach Joe Gibbs is an investor in the proposed 1,489-lot community.

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City sues designer over doubled construction costs

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Hartland Municipal Golf Course construction costs exceeded original estimates of \$2 million by more than \$1.7 million.

Kirby Ramsey, Bowling Green finance director, said the final cost of \$3,775,000 for the 18-hole course did not include \$730,000 for a pro shop added near the course.

The city is suing golf course architects Kevin Tucker and Associates for alleged design errors — errors the city claims resulted in some of the cost increase.

Tucker claims some alleged errors were committed by course builders Scott & Ritter Inc., and in February successfully petitioned the court to add the contractor to the suit.

Calif. developer promises more trees, affordability

MEADOW VISTA, CALIF. — The proposed Winchester housing and golf development, which would embrace 523 homes and an 18-hole championship golf course a half-mile south of Lake Combie, has prompted concerns by area residents.

Concerns include, "would be open only to people who can afford a high greens fee, possibility of thousands of trees being knocked down to build the homes, and a dramatic increase in electric lights."

Project spokesperson Irv Hamilton made several points to counter these fears.

He stressed that the course designed by Robert Trent Jones would be available for public play, that developers plan to replace felled trees "at least" by a ratio of 2 to 1, and there would be public access for pedestrian travel.

He termed well water concerns groundless because of the careful California approval process, and had similar assurance for soil composition questions.

Hamilton and associates are meeting with community groups to explain the project and provide answers.