

Historic Sturbridge Village looks to course for income

STURBRIDGE, Mass. — Old Sturbridge Village, a threatened victim of time and tough times, may get a financial shot in the arm from a proposed 18-hole golf course.

Golf can provide a new source of badly needed income. Therefore, 335 acres of village land is being set aside for a course and conference center.

Said museum president Crawford Lincoln: "We cannot support the institution through admissions and sales through the shops alone."

The golf course, which would be near the living history museum, would cost from \$3 million to \$4 million to construct, according to Harry McCracken, former Massa-

chusetts Golf Association president in charge of the Sturbridge project.

The course, designed by Rees Jones, would measure 7,000 yards from the back tees and, McCracken said, promises to be a picturesque layout worthy of future Massachusetts Opens and Amateurs.

The conference center would cost an estimated \$35 million to build and would net the town \$400,000 annually in tax revenues.

Everything hinges on a zoning change.

\$12M plan KO'd, so new site in sight

Quentin Hammons teams with A.J. Wright in California project

MORRO BAY, Calif. — Plans for 200 homes and 100 retirement condominiums have been jettisoned, but the owners of land at the base of Hollister Park hope to build a \$12-million golf course three miles south of Morro Bay.

A clubhouse, possible outdoor recreation and a lodge would be included, according to project architect Tom Courtney.

The layout incorporates two ponds designed to catch silt flowing down Chorro Creek. Silt has been

filling Morro Bay, causing major problems for the estuary.

The property is owned by John Quentin Hammons, a Missouri developer whose net worth is estimated at \$340 million. He is a partner in the proposal with Morro Bay developer A.J. Wright.

The land currently is used to grow vegetables. Courtney figures that the project will reduce water consumption by 10 to 15 percent in the drought-stricken city's wells.

Obtaining a general plan amend-

ment and required zoning change — from agricultural to recreation — will take at least two years, it is estimated.

"The demand in this area (for additional golf facilities) is absolutely overwhelming," said County Parks Manager Tim Gallagher, adding that the coastal area could financially support a third new course.

"We have people who already want to reserve tee times," Wright added.

CC of N. England may face bank foreclosure

EASTLYME, Conn. — Although Suffield Bank may attempt to foreclose on East Lyme property owned by the Country Club of New England, club founder Nathan M. Shippee remains optimistic.

"The development of the country club will continue," Shippee said. "The project is in solid shape."

He added that there have been discussions with the bank and that the situation should be cleared up shortly.

The club plans to build an 18-hole golf course and country club on 240 acres off Mostoway Road.

In pending litigation, the bank would ask that the mortgage on CCNE's property be foreclosed and the bank be given possession of the property. CCNE's mortgage is for \$3.25 million.

N.J. communities get go-ahead from report

ELIZABETHTOWN, N.J. — An optimistic report from consultant Larry Wise on the feasibility of a new golf course in northwestern Lancaster County has given Elizabethtown Borough and West Donegal Township officials a virtual green light.

Wise, former head professional at the prestigious Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Md., said of the 18-hole public course he estimated would cost \$4.9 million, "It offers an outstanding geographic and community location, and should provide the foundation for a successful project."

The adjoining municipalities would manage the course.

Wise wrote that the course would not conflict with those existing or planned, since 17 additional courses are needed in the Lancaster-Harrisburg region "to satisfy the existing demand for golf."

The course could be ready by the spring of 1993.



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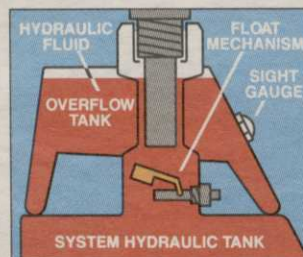
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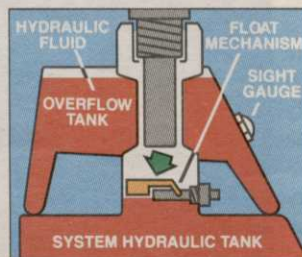
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