

Sludge dump site of new Chicago course

CHICAGO — The International Port District, the agency regulating the port of Chicago, intends to translate more than a decade of dumping sludge on undeveloped land north of Lake Calumet into an 18-hole golf course with clubhouse.

The port district's recently filed lawsuit said that in 1989, in return for being allowed to dump its sludge there, the Water Reclamation District agreed to build a golf course and clubhouse on the site by 1993.

The lawsuit said the depositing of sludge was supposed to be preliminary to transforming the site to a recreational area. The suit seeks \$11 million in damages for breach of contract and \$15 million as non-payment compensation.

Long wait ending for city officials in North Augusta

NORTH AUGUSTA, Ga. — It's been a troubled 10 years since North Augusta's riverfront golf course first was broached, but city officials are sidestepping the latest snag and planning to complete the project.

A principal Asian investor has been linked to a bank fraud scandal, but Mark Bennett of North Augusta, a project developer, plans continued work.

The city is equally undismayed. Having established the North Augusta Redevelopment Commission, made up of the mayor and council members, it has the power to seize land in the 15,000 acres of riverfront property in the city's redevelopment district. The golf course site is within the district.

Developers have bought more than 230 acres for more than \$1.85 million.

The council could take the land through eminent domain and develop it or find a new developer.

"A golf course is probably the land's best use, considering the flood plain," said North Augusta Mayor Tom Greene.

Water park could be course amenity

MACON, Ga. — County Commissioner Joe Allen is pushing for a public golf course at Lake Tobesofkee, combining it with a water park.

He has discussed with an unnamed Atlanta firm the possibility of the county furnishing a 160-acre tract of land it owns off Old Columbus Road and the firm developing the course as a joint operating venture.

Said Allen: "If we put the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame on Riverside Drive, the Music Hall of Fame downtown and the golf course and water park at Tobesofkee, we'll have I-75, I-16, I-475 and U. S. 80 locked in.

"People will come to Macon."

Member makes literal stink out of added walking fee

MIAMI — The "all clear" signal has sounded at Miami Shores Country Club, and members no longer play golf with their noses in the air.

A member, disturbed that the free fee for walkers had been changed to a \$5 "trail fee," vowed

that she'd dye before she paid a red (s)cent. She made a raincoat, hat and sunglasses her fashionable golf attire and furtively sprinkled foul-smelling chemicals over the course.

The distinctive odor quickly penetrated her disguise.

Course superintendent Rob Haas

tracked her down without the aid of bloodhounds.

Three attempts by Haas and clubhouse personnel to expunge this unwelcomed hazard made little headway. But Nature and \$4,000 worth of scrubbing eventually cleansed the odious fairways.

The 72-year-old woman was charged with felony criminal mischief.

Assistant professional Mike Walsh wondered why the woman would rather spray than pay. Head pro Randy Webber said only, "The fee will stay for those who play."

Minnesota County plans to develop two golf facilities

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The Ramsey County Board will seek proposals to develop, operate and manage two golf sites in Shoreview and one in St. Paul.

The largest course, projected as 18 holes, would be on 240 acres along the Rice Creek Regional Trail corridor in northwest Shoreview.

At Island Lake in Shoreview, a

practice and instructional facility could go on 41 acres, possibly in combination with a small course.

At Battle Creek in southeast St. Paul, a nine-hole executive course

could be built on 55 acres.

Construction could begin next year. Island Lake and Battle Creek sites might be open in 1993, the Rice Creek course in 1994.

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