

Wa. developers eye land for \$91M project

ANACORTES, Wash. — A \$91-million development near Anacortes Airport that would include an 18-hole golf course and about 300 upscale homes is the goal of developers J. Scott Lipton of Bellingham, and Bob Taylor of Kirkland.

They're trying to buy more than 200 acres east of the airport, the last major area in the city still available for development. They anticipate breaking ground by next spring.

"We'll probably be playing golf by 1994," said Taylor.

Their InterPacific Golf Associates is spending \$8 million to build an 18-hole golf course and \$4 million for a clubhouse.

"This is probably the finest piece of golf course land in the Pacific Northwest," Lipton said.

West Palm Beach club boasts three Golden Bear courses

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Poised to be among the finest private fitness and social gathering places in the area, Ibis Golf & Country Club's Bath and Tennis Club complex plans opening this fall.

On display will be such attrac-

tions as a stately members' club and three golf courses designed by Golden Bear Design Associates.

Ibis boasts the only pair of golf courses designed by Jack Nicklaus, and one by son Jack II. The third course was designed by Tom

Pearson, senior design associate with Golden Bear.

The grill, an indoor/outdoor dining room, offers long vistas of the 10th and 18th holes of the Jack Nicklaus II-designed Heritage course.

City sues over county ruling

At odds over development with Nicklaus course

LIVERMORE, Calif. — Livermore has filed a lawsuit challenging Alameda County's unanimous approval of a luxury development featuring a Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course, but neighboring Pleasanton's City Council has postponed debate on possible similar action until all members are present.

Two members were on vacation during a planned discussion of the Ruby Hill project. Pleasanton is considering annexing most of the

development into the city limits.

The Livermore action seeks a court order halting the project on the grounds that its environmental impact report was inadequate and that it violates the state's Environmental Quality Act.

The 850-home development includes 280 acres of vineyards, two restored wineries and an inn.

Jim Ghielmetti, developer president, said of the project which took about three years to win approval, "Environmental reports covered all issues. The lawsuit could be a waste of taxpayers' money."

UNebraska will perform research at new course

LINCOLN, Neb. — A research park project in the Highlands area in northwest Lincoln area is on hold, but an 18-hole research golf course project next to the proposed 97-acre research tract has moved to the fore.

Consultants have begun to design it, and the Lincoln City Council has discussed it.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln, which does research on grasses at its Mead field research site, would turn the new courses into a proving ground for good golf grasses, said William Splinter, UNL's interim vice chancellor for research.

UNL also will work with the city on selection of the right trees and shrubs for the course, which may be open by summer 1993.

Minnesota county seeks proposals for two 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.

Wildlife league honors

TOWSON, Md. — The National Institute for Urban Wildlife has recognized seven projects of the local land planning firm of Daft-McCune-Walker, Inc., as certified "Urban Wildlife Sanctuaries."

Bob Galvin, DMW president, said: "Our research indicates that the integration of natural designs with new development is extremely cost effective and creates a more marketable product. We have created approximately 268 acres of new communities which have received certification."

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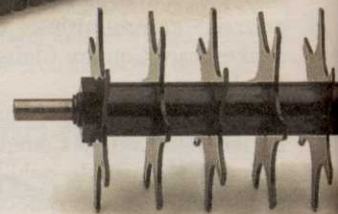
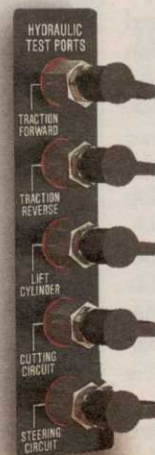
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