

## Architects form task force to address problems

CHICAGO, Ill. — Increasing environmental awareness and identifying creative financing opportunities are key factors affecting the golf industry, according to Tom Clark, president of the American Society of Golf Course Architects.

"The ASGCA has formed task forces to work with governmental agencies to expedite the permitting process, as well as identifying unique financing sources and programs," said Clark. "Developing sound environmental and financing programs continues to be critical not only to ASGCA members, but the entire golf industry."

To speed the lengthy permitting process, the Society will distribute a document providing information on all facets of golf course development and maintenance, from ground water to wildlife. The information will be available to federal, state and local agencies involved in the permitting procedure.

The ASGCA also has developed an environmental data base to provide architects with critical information.

"Members monitor what's happening in their area and collect data that can be used by the entire Society," Clark said. "For example, if one of our members has dealt with woodpeckers or desert tortoises, he can provide that information to another member facing a similar situation."

Continued interest in golf course development is spawning unique financing opportunities, according to Clark.

He noted the Sun Belt golf project being financed by Alabama state employees, who are investing their retirement funds in the construction of golf courses throughout the state, and the public-private venture, California Muni Golf, financing public course development using tax-free bonds supported by private investors.

Free copies of a brochure on master planning may be obtained from the American Society of Golf Course Architects, 221 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill. 60601.

## Suits don't stop Carillon project

ROMEVILLE, Ill. — Though developers of the Carillon community here are reeling under legal claims from subcontractors totaling more than \$1.3 million, 18 holes of a planned 27-hole golf course recently opened.

Construction at Carillon, an 1,800-acre development at Weber Road and Interstate 55 northwest of Romeville, has ground to a halt in the wake of a continuing cash crunch.

Harry W. Kuhn, an earth-moving company, recently filed a lawsuit seeking \$546,262.

One proposal among prospective buyers would put the project back in the hands of its original lender.

## PGA Tour using dried-up waterway for project

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — A PGA Tour resort complex will be the beneficiary of a 110-mile waterway project that dried up 21 years ago because of complaints by environmentalists.

This city will get \$4.3 million as first payment of money counties put up as far back as the 1930s for

the defunct Cross-Florida Barge Canal project.

Jacksonville will put up the \$4.3 million from the canal and the St. Johns River Water Management will put up \$3.7 million for the purchase of 1,800 acres of environmentally sensitive land on the peninsula. PGA Tour Investments will buy the re-

maining 2,700 acres.

On its 2,700 acres, the PGA Tour will build a resort complex that will include the PGA Tour Hall of Fame, national headquarters for PGA Tour Productions, a hotel and two golf courses.

Completion of that phase of the development is planned for 1994.

## Sod farm to undergo \$30M metamorphosis

ST. CHARLES, Ill. — A local sod farm soon will be the base for a \$30-million 18-hole par 72 golf course and housing development.

Owner Thomas Thornton and partner James Follensbee plan to start construction this fall.

The sod farm includes 50 acres

of wetlands and wooded areas. The wetlands will be preserved.

The course will start as a semi-private club, but will go private.

## 10-course resort meets criteria set by Canadians

EDMONTON, Alberta, Canada — Japanese promoters of a multi-golf course resort have agreed to government terms that set out project responsibilities for Createm International Alberta Corp. and the province.

Createm plans to build up to 10 golf courses and 2,000 resort homes, a ski hill, hotel, convention center and equestrian facilities on the former Cormie ranch 70 kilometers west of Edmonton. The company paid \$6 million for the land.

The advertisement features a large, detailed image of a soil core sample, showing a dark, moist, and crumbly texture. The core is held in a metal sleeve, and the surrounding soil is also visible. The text "We left" is written in a large, white, serif font across the top right of the soil image. Below this, the word "developing" is written in a large, white, serif font, and "solid Cushman" is written in a very large, white, serif font at the bottom. The Cushman logo and model number "GA 60" are visible on the side of the utility vehicle.

