

## Envisioned as model for industry, Fox Hollow ground broken

LAKEWOOD, Colo. — More than one year after the original construction bid opening, dirt has been turned on Lakewood's first golf course, Fox Hollow at Lakewood.

Conceived by Lakewood Manager of Parks and Facilities Bill Jewell, the course environmentally was going to be a model to the industry, according to project coordinator Don Tolson.

The site, 350 acres of a 2,700-acre natural park owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and operated

by the city on a 50-year lease, is ideal for a 175-acre, 27-hole golf course to be integrated without significantly changing the character of the environment, Tolson said.

Architect Denis Griffiths was signed on and a construction bid date of Nov. 20, 1990 was set when Friends of Bear Creek entered the scene in September.

Comprised of residents of that corner of the park, who used it as a private retreat, Friends of Bear Creek enlisted three local Sierra Club chapters, Denver Audubon Society and

Colorado Environmental Coalition.

That coalition in turn involved the Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Colorado Division of Wildlife to oppose the project.

In January 1991 the Lakewood City Council instructed the golf course staff to prepare an enhanced environmental assessment that would provide documentable answers to all environmental questions and would help win a lawsuit in federal court.

"Six months and \$150,000 later, we

had probably the most comprehensive environmental assessment ever done for a golf course," said Tolson.

By mid-September the Corps announced its "Finding of No Significant Impact," and shortly thereafter issued a notice to proceed. But on Dec. 5, five days before bid opening, Friends of Bear Creek filed for a temporary restraining order in federal district court.

It was refused. They filed for an injunction and were again refused.

In early January, Wadsworth Construction Co. broke ground on

the course. It should be completed late this year and ready for play in 1993.

Tom Bridle of Tectonic, Inc., which is not involved in the project, said Fox Hollow at Lakewood "will be the most spectacular golf course in the state, bar none.

"What Wadsworth and Denis Griffiths have done is absolutely incredible—almost indescribable. When you see the hills they've created ... the tees, greens and bunker placements ... it's a masterpiece."

## Fasi vetoes pro-developer measures

HONOLULU, Hawaii — Mayor Frank Fasi has vetoed measures that would have allowed developers to build golf courses in Ewa, Waianae and the North Shore.

The rejected golf course projects are North Shore's Lihi Lani golf course, a private course at Waianae Kai, and a proposal for Ewa Marina.

Fasi said developers are willing to pay up to \$50 million for golf course permits and the City Council should try to get the best deal for the community. The money would pay for affordable housing and other community benefits.

"We have lost tens of millions of dollars because of the action or inaction of the City Council on setting a policy," Fasi reportedly said.

The three projects are slated to be reviewed by the council again as developers start applying for zoning approvals. They reportedly have all won strong community support.

## USGA, Georgia GCSA join forces for conference

ATLANTA, Ga. — Jerry Pate, 1976 U.S. Open champion and ABC golf analyst, will deliver the keynote address at a conference on March 31 sponsored by the United States Golf Association Green Section, in cooperation with the Georgia Golf Course Superintendents Association.

The conference, at the Atlanta Athletic Club, will also feature talks by Frank Thomas, technical director of the USGA; Ken Mangum, director of golf at the Atlanta Athletic Club; and James Latham of the USGA Green Section.

Recertification credits are being offered to members of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, Professional Golfers Association and Club Managers Association of America.

A golf outing is planned at the Highlands Course on March 30 for the first 100 to pay their registration fee.

More information is available from Roger A. Harvie, manager, USGA, 4200 Northside Pkwy, N.W. 9-100, Atlanta 30327; 404-233-2196.

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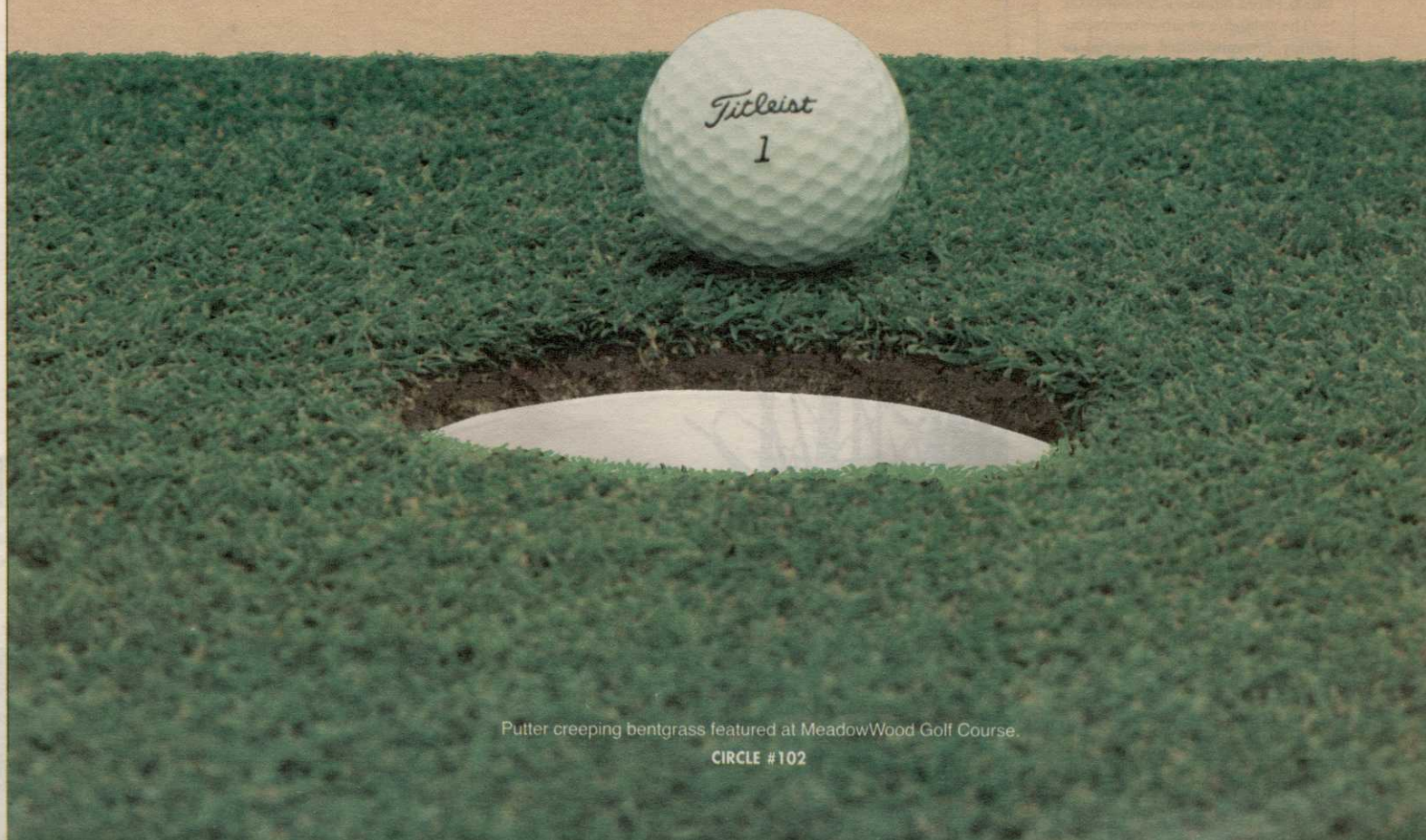
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