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Congress controls fate of military courses

By PETER BLAIS

The battle brewing over control of the military's 240 golf courses could be settled in early 1993.

That's when Congress is likely to act on Sen. Dennis DeConcini's (D-Ariz.) bill to turn operation of the facilities over to private management companies and open them to the public.

Management companies, most notably American Golf Corp., are lining up behind the idea, claiming DeConcini's Senior Government Officer Benefit Limitation Act will provide public golfers with more places to play, improve services at the government layouts and make more money for a fiscally strapped federal government.

The Pentagon is generally opposed, arguing that opening the courses to private managers and public play would jeopardize security at sensitive military installations, deprive service men and women of a well-deserved benefit and reduce funding for non-profit activities currently subsidized by golf course revenues.

"Golf courses are something the military is involved in that they don't need to be," said Shannon Brown, a DeConcini staffer.

Countered David Moffett,

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Subsurface injection

The race is on!

By MARK LESLIE

Gentlemen, start your engines. From Saskatchewan to Nebraska researchers are racing to market the first workable piece of equipment to inject liquid chemicals below the surface of the turf.

Ransomes America of Lincoln, Neb., displayed a prototype of its Liquidator at the last international golf conference, and hopes to have a working model at January's show. Rogers Innovative Inc. of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, is testing its Liquid Pulse Injector (LPI) at the University of Guelph and intends to unveil it at the Green Industry Expo in mid-November in Indianapolis. And Pattison Brothers Agro Ltd. in Lemberg, Sask., hopes for positive test results so that it can display its Spoke Injector at the Canadian Turfgrass Conference and Show in late November.

Meanwhile, Toro has made adjustments to its HydroJect aerifying unit to render it useful for injecting chemicals just below the surface.

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Rogers Innovative Inc. created this wax-cast image by shooting molten wax into the ground, then washing the soil away to illustrate how pressure fractures the ground. While this cast is 18 inches deep, chemicals would be injected 1-2 inches below the surface.

BIG-small partnerships in vogue

By HAL PHILLIPS

Aeromix Systems Inc. of Minneapolis and Otterbine/Barebo Inc. of Emmaus, Pa., have a lot in common. Both firms are members of the golf course industry, providing complete lines of water aeration products. Both are small — Aeromix has 24 employees, while O-B counts 27 on the payroll. And both have been approached by The Toro Company to form partnerships, whereby Toro would mar-

'Toro doesn't have five years to develop an aeration line. They need it today.'

— Peter Gross, president
Aeromix Systems Inc.

ket and distribute their products.

Here the similarities end, however. Otterbine/Barebo turned down the offer and

Aeromix accepted it. Last spring, Aeromix and Toro agreed to offer a line of aquatic systems products and services under the Toro brand name. Financial terms were not disclosed.

This sort of BIG-small relationship has become increasingly common in the golf course industry, as petite companies seek the marketing and distribution power offered by megafirms — and these

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Fazio part of \$10 billion Malaysian deal

By MARK LESLIE

A \$10 billion theme park, centered around eight golf courses, is about to be undertaken in Malaysia, according to sources.

An Italian developer reportedly has brought together the Italian and Malaysian governments and private money to build the facility.

It is expected to eventually include 24 hotels with 1,000 rooms each. Develop-

ers, who have been working on the project for the past 18 months, expect the park to draw 150,000 people a day.

American golf course architect and builder Jim Fazio of Juno Beach, Fla., has been contracted to organize the golf construction. He will design two courses and sign others to design the six remaining layouts on the 300,000-acre

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Jim Fazio

Roquemore's design community centerpiece

The newly opened Country Club of Woodloch Springs golf course is the centerpiece of a new residential community being developed as part of the nationally renowned Woodloch Pines resort located east of Scranton, Pa.

Woodloch Springs was designed by Rocky Roquemore.

The 6,600-yard, par 72 layout presents a different challenge on every hole. At the 14th, golfers must navigate 200-foot deep

Hell's Gate Gorge with their approach to the green.

Other features include 13 bridges over natural wetlands, five miles of cart paths, 65 bunkers and a double green connecting two par threes.

"A major share of the credit for the success of the course should go to the owners who allowed us to spare no reasonable expense in order to take advantage of the natural features of the area," said Roquemore.



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Golf courses newly OK'd in the U.S.

Location	Course Name	Type	Class	Work	Contact
Arizona					
Mesa	Mesa Country Club	P	R	R	Keith Foster
Phoenix	Pebble Creek	D	R	N	Keith Foster
California					
Lafayette	American Canyon Country Club	D	R	N	Robert M Graves
Woodland	Westridge	N/A	R	N	
Georgia					
Glynn County	Oak Grove Plantation GC	D	R	N	
Illinois					
Springfield	To Be Announced	M	R	N	
Whittington	Rend Lake GC	D	R	A	Kevin Davis, General Manager
Indiana					
Piercetown	To Be Announced	N/A	R	N	
Kansas					
Shawnee Mission	Woodland Hills	D	R	N	Golf Resources Inc.
Maryland					
Gaithersburg	Four Streams Golf Club	P	R	N	Jerry Pate Golf Design
Massachusetts					
Hanson	Arboretum Golf Course	D	R	N	Phil Burne
Missouri					
Monett	To Be Announced	P	R	N	
Nebraska					
Kearney	Kearney Municipal GC	M	R	N	Municipal Golf Inc.
New York					
Westfield	Sugar Hill GC	N/A	R	R	
Ohio					
Bellefontaine	Tree Links	D	R	N	
Oregon					
Sherwood	Shore Pines GC	N/A	R	N	
Pennsylvania					
Ohio Twp.	Diamond Run	N/A	R	N	Gary Player
South Carolina					
Myrtle Beach	Wild Wing Plantation (Falcon Course)	D	R	N	Rees Jones
South Dakota					
Sioux Falls	To Be Announced	M	R	N	Lowen Schuett, Park Director
Texas					
Port Acres	To Be Announced				Von Hagge Design Associates
San Antonio	Camino Real	N/A	R	N	
Utah					
North Salt Lake	Eaglewood Golf Course	M	R	N	Collin Wood, City Manager
North Salt Lake	To Be Announced	N/A	R	N	
Washington					
Richland	Horn Rapids G. C.	M	R	N	William H Neff
Seattle	Remington	D	R	N	Keith Foster

Courses newly planned across the U.S.

City	Type	Work	Contact	City	Type	Work	Contact
Arizona				Minnesota			
Tucson	D	N		Becker	M	N	
California				Montana			
Escondido	D	N		Kalispell	D	N	Bruce Williams, City Man.
Hawthorne	N/A	N		New Jersey			
Martinez	N/A	N		East Amwell	D	N	
Newhall	N/A	N		Sparta	N/A	N	
Nipomo	D	N		New York			
Colorado				Manhasset	P	R	William T. Schmitt
Colorado Springs	N/A	N		516/862-7676			
Grand Junction	D	N		Poughkeepsie	M	A	
Florida				Saratoga Springs	N/A	N	
Bartow	N/A	N		Tuckahoe	M	R	William T. Schmitt
Lakeland	N/A	N					516/862-7676
Naples	P	N	Von Hagge Design Assoc.	North Carolina			
Orlando	P	N		Clayton	N/A	N	
Punta Gorda	D	N		Ohio			
Tampa Bay	N/A	N		Barberton	D	N	
Idaho				Oregon			
Post Falls	N/A	N		Warrenton	N/A	N	
Illinois				Pennsylvania			
Le Roy	P	N	William J Spear	Ashcombe Borough	M	N	THK Assoc.
Mc Henry	M	N		Burrell Twp.	N/A	N	
Moline	N/A	N		Flemington	M	N	
South Holland	M	N	Sandra Wartman, Rec.Dir.	Hempfield	N/A	N	
Tuscola	M	N		Rhode Island			
Wilmington	D	N		Hopkinton	D	N	
Indiana				Tennessee			
Ellettsville	D	N		Collierville	M	N	Steve Schertel, Park Dir.
Marion	D	N	Ron Kern	Texas			
Shipshewana	N/A	N		Corpus Christi	M	N	Malcolm Matthews, Park Director
Iowa				Lampasas	M	A	Jack Calvert, Mayor
Mason City	P	N	William J Spear	Washington			
Kansas				Issaquah	P	N	
Lawrence	M	N	Mike Wildgen, City Man.	Moses Lake	D	N	
Kentucky				Quincy	N/A	N	
Brownsville	D	N		Wenatchee	N/A	A	
Cave City	N/A	N		Wisconsin			
Michigan				Oak Creek	N/A	N	
Whitefish County	N/A	N					

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Under "Type" — D=Daily fee, P=Private, M=Municipal.
Under "Class" — R=Regulation, E=Executive, P=Par 3.
Under "Work" — N=New, R=Renovation

\$10B Malaysian park to include eight golf courses

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site near Singapore.

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clude 24 hotels with 1,000 rooms each.

Developers, who have been working on the project for the past 18 months, expect the park to draw 150,000 people a day.

The site is 200 meters high.

Much of the park will be built halfway up the hill — about 150 feet above the ocean — and builders will move about 50 million yards of dirt.

Much of that dirt will be used to form the golf courses.