

## Graham/Panks designing in Japan

SCOTTDALE, Ariz. — David Graham and Gary Panks will design the new Hakodate Nikkatsu Golf Club in Hakodate, Japan.

Graham said: "We have been searching for the right opportunity to make our appearance in the Japanese golf market, and now we've found it. The Hakodate Nikkatsu Golf Club is a great project — I am confident that it will be a showpiece course for the Japanese."

The private golf club is being built by the Japanese conglomer-

ate Nikkatsu Corp.

The course is located in the historical port city of Hokodate on the southern coast of Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island.

Construction crews are slated to break ground on the project in September, clearing the land and creating the infrastructure of the golf course. Graham and Panks have begun the design work, and shaping will begin in May 1993, with an opening date set for the spring of 1995.

## Baird prepares mainland China project

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — With construction drawings complete and construction slated to start by January, Gary Roger Baird joins a handful of Western designers with golf course projects in mainland China.

The International Dongguan Ban Woo Country Club is part of a 10-year development project situated on a section of 2,500 acres obtained through a long-term leasing agreement with the Chinese government.

Located within the new Camdor Harbour City, the golf course is part of three major project sectors: the

Industrial complex, Residential District — which will include low-density Jakeside residences, medium-density hillside condominiums, shopping malls and public facilities such as parks, schools and open space — and the Recreational District.

It is within this third district that Baird has designed an 18-hole championship course, with an additional 18 holes in the planning stages. Included in the recreational district are the clubhouse, sports complex, administrative center,

practice range and hotel. Recreational amenities will include yachting, water skiing, fishing, horseback riding and archery.

The Pearl River Delta region was chosen because of its economically advanced status. The completion of a new international airport will allow the project to be served not only by air, but by land and sea.

The developer, Camdor Harbour Industries (Group), plans to market the project in Taiwan, Hong Kong, Japan and Southeast Asian countries. These countries, in addition to United States investors and businesses, are already investing in surrounding areas.

Using Chinese labor, construction of the golf course will be under the supervision of experts from the United States. C.Y. Lee Architect & Associates is doing the master plan.

## Vintage Group buys Goose Creek, plans \$1.5M facelift

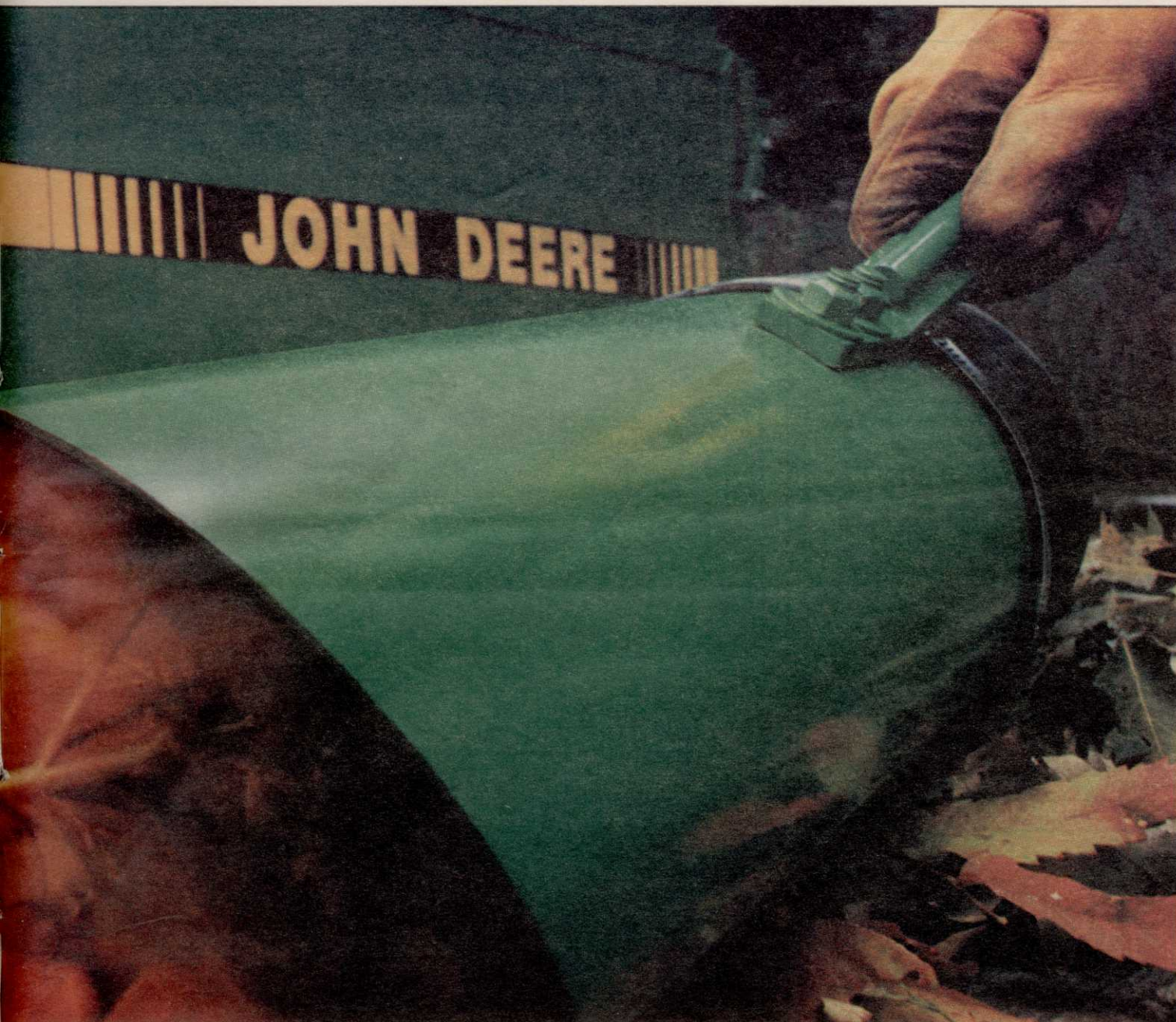
LOUDOUN COUNTY, Va. — The Vintage Group USA, Ltd. (TVG) of Denver has purchased Goose Creek Golf Course here. TVG sponsored the investment partnership which purchased the 18-hole public course.

TVG raised equity for the purchase and renovation of the golf facility in a \$1.5 million partnership consisting of many local investors and financed the balance with debt provided by Textron Financial Corp. of Providence, R.I.

Goose Creek is set among scenic, rolling hills and ranks among the top 10 courses in the Washington metro area in terms of its slope rating. According to TVG President Charles D. Tourtellotte, Goose Creek "represents the ideal golf facility for the company's investment strategy of purchasing public golf courses in superior locations which can be renovated to a higher end daily fee facility providing a 'value added' opportunity."

Tourtellotte said, "Goose Creek will undergo a significant infusion of capital aimed at improving the turf quality and playing conditions in order to reposition the course in the Washington area market, and fill an identified need for better public golf." The planned improvements include a new fleet of golf carts, all new turf maintenance equipment, a new automated irrigation system, the addition of a practice range, updating and remodeling the pro shop and food and beverage operations, as well as several course improvements such as cart path repairs and bunker work.

TVG has retained Billy Casper Design & Management, Inc. to manage the golf facility and assist in the implementation of course improvements.



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