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Leading states in golf courses under construction

(as of Dec. 31, 1992)

Illinois	42
Michigan	40
Florida	36
Pennsylvania	28
California	26
Ohio	26
Texas	24
North Carolina	23
Wisconsin	23
New York	23
Missouri	22
Minnesota	21
Alabama	21
Indiana	19
Georgia	18

Leading states in golf course openings in 1992

(End-of-year figures)

Michigan	29
Florida	23
Indiana	16
Ohio	16
Illinois	15
Georgia	15
Kentucky	15
New York	14
Virginia	13
Alabama	12
Minnesota	12
Pennsylvania	12
California	11
Texas	11
Missouri	10

Davis firm busy in Southeast

GAINESVILLE, Ga. — The golf course architectural firm of Arthur L. Davis, Inc. is working on several projects in various stages of planning and development in the Southeast.

Construction is virtually complete on a 20-hole addition at Fort Jackson (S.C.) Golf Club.

Meanwhile, Davis is in the bidding phase on 18-hole The Rome (Ga.) Golf Course, and

the design phase on a 10-hole addition to LaFayette (Ga.) Golf Club, the 27-hole Music City National Golf Club in Tennessee, and a renovation of Fort McPherson Golf Course in Atlanta, Ga.

According to Davis' office, financing is being sought for new 18-hole courses in Clover, S.C., and Woodfin, N.C. — called Old Mill Golf Club and Woodfin Golf Club, respectively.

Forecast: Player pool up 4.5m

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segmentation perspective, municipal courses are not direct competitors to daily-fee operations."

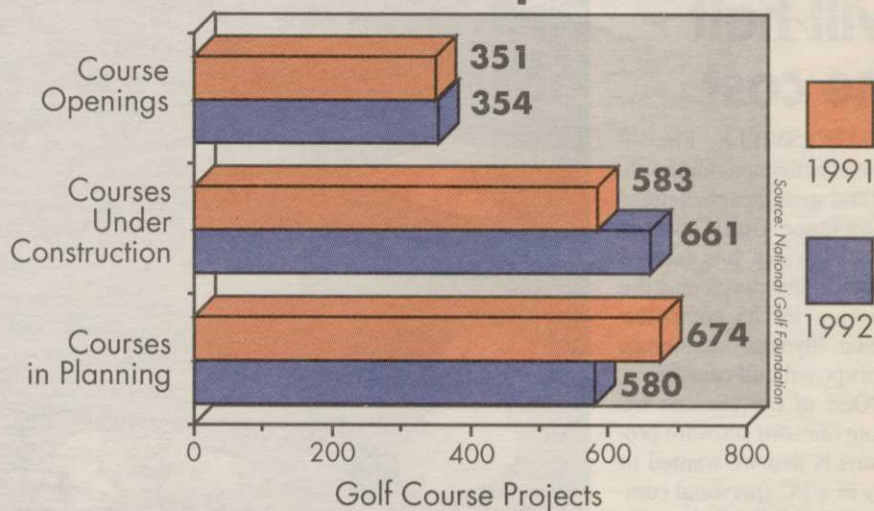
Studies show that Americans reduce — not eliminate — their leisure activities during a recession. Bearing that in mind, Marlowe is less than enthusiastic about President Clinton's tax proposal and its

perceived effect on the golf industry.

"It will take away discretionary dollars, which fuel the industry," Marlowe said. "I think the Clinton plan has a lot of holes and I can't support it. I think it's going to hurt golf."

"I think the energy tax will be the single biggest culprit. And if you take away the entertainment deduction, it will really hurt."

Year-End Development Totals



NGF report:

Course openings, construction peaking

JUPITER, Fla. — Fresh National Golf Foundation figures indicate that another year chock full of course openings lies ahead, followed by a period of uncertainty.

At the end of 1992, 509 courses were scheduled to open in 1993. Since experience shows that about 70 percent of the facilities scheduled to open in a given year actually do, about 350 tracks should open this year.

According to the NGF's annual report, Golf Facilities in the U.S., that would be close to the previous two years — 351 in 1991 and 354 in 1992. The 354 openings were the most in 22 years, according to the NGF.

The national supply of courses has grown by 1,284 since 1989 — the highest four-year total since 1970-73, when 1,344 came on line.

The NGF said that as of last Dec. 31, 622 courses were under construction. Another 580 were in planning — 100 fewer than a year before.

NGF Vice President of Research Mike Russell said uncertainty surrounding many of these projects makes projections into

1994 almost impossible.

Among the report's other findings:

- Real estate continues to fade as a driving force in course development. At the same time, public development is increasing enough to fill that void. In 1989, 50 percent of new courses were tied to real estate. Today, it's about 27 percent. In 1989, 66 percent of new courses were public. Today, the percentage is 81.

- More of today's development is occurring at existing facilities — an indication of construction to meet ongoing demand in their communities.

- The interest in par-3, executive and other non-traditional facilities remains steady but still relatively low, representing about 10 percent of new openings.

- While development is beginning to level off in Florida and other Sunbelt areas, the Midwest appears to be emerging as the new leader in construction activity.

The 12 states opening the most courses in 1992 included Michigan (1st), Indiana and Ohio (tied, 3rd), Illinois and Kentucky (tied, 5th), Alabama and Minnesota (tied, 10th).

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