

Georgia's Bibb County targeted for development

MACON, Ga. — Bibb County Commissioner Joe Allen is excited about a recent proposal by Golf Services Group (GSG) Inc. of Knoxville, Tenn., which hopes to build an 18-hole, 400-acre golf course in the Arrowhead Park area of Lake Tobesofkee.

Allen told the *Macon Telegraph*, "The land is valuable, but it's just sitting here. It's not working for us. If there were a golf course, there would be people out here seven days a week, 365 days a year. This is a gold mine."

GSG has offered to do a feasibility study, design and build the course and lease/purchase it through Bibb County. GSG would generate revenue by operating the course while the county would make money through the 25-year lease agreement.

Second course for Hutchinson Island?

SAVANNAH, Ga. — The possibility of a second hotel and golf course on Hutchinson Island grew stronger with announcement of negotiations between Greenbrier Resort Management Co. and LJ Hooker for such a facility.

In April, John McCleskey, president of Atlanta-based Metroplex Properties and development manager of the Hooker project, announced plans for a hotel, an apartment development and golf course on the island.

If the proposed \$74 million Maritime and Trade Center (MTC) is built on Hutchinson Island, it is highly likely the second hotel and golf course would be constructed.

The location of the MTC will be decided in the future.

Charlotte County eyes 36 new holes

CHARLOTTE HARBOR, Fla. — The Caliente Springs development — which includes a proposed 36-hole golf course — is awaiting approval from government agencies, including the Charlotte County Commissioners, according to John Downey, president of Downey Custom Homes.

The project, located on Burnt Store Road, will include a 36-hole design by Gary Player Design Co., a hotel, clubhouse and athletic club. Downey said Charlotte has been losing people to Sarasota, Lee and Collier counties because it doesn't have a true golf community.

Plan: Golfers on new courses to prop environmental trust fund

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. — In a scenario that may become more common as environmental concerns continue to collide with those of development, golfers will contribute to a trust fund — earmarked to maintain trails, bike paths, wetlands and wildlife corridors near a proposed residential project in the northern portion of Simi Valley — under a Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District plan.

The trust fund is associated with

the Whiteface Project, which involves depletion of 2,600 acres and the construction of more than 1,100 homes and two golf courses. The park district is trying to make the project's approval from the Planning Commission contingent on the trust fund idea.

The golfers on the new courses would be required to pay \$2 per round until the fund exceeds \$250,000, said Don Hunt, Park District assistant general manager.

Twin Pines plans 9-hole expansion

FLORENCE, Fla. — The Twin Pines Country Club will soon expand from nine to 18 holes. As soon as the final land transfer with Champion International goes through, work will begin on a new 10 holes. One existing hole will be eliminated.

Gary Roger Baird is the course architect. The expansion should be completed by late 1994 or early 1995 and

will enable Twin Pines to double its membership.

The deal with Champion includes finding an equal amount of property in Minnesota, then swapping it for the 300-plus acres that will comprise the new holes.

Other land will be converted and earmarked for residential homes. In addition, the plan calls for 190 lots to be sold to home buyers.

