

Horse farm could become Auburn muni golf course

AUBURN, Calif. — Quarter horses quartered in the North Auburn area some day may have to step aside for golfers playing for quarters.

The 240-acre Meadow Creek Quarterhorse Ranch has been added to the list of potential sites for a municipal golf course.

The landowners want to turn the land into a golf and housing project. The golf course task force committee is negotiating with Ron-Mar co-owner Martin Harmon, who owns a 160-acre parcel at the northeast corner of the intersection of Bell and New Airport roads.

County-hired consultants estimate course construction cost at \$5 million to \$10.7 million.

Weather delays Rock Hollow

PERU, Ind. — "Rain, Rain, Go Away!"

Despite repeated entreaties last July, it didn't, so Rock Hollow Golf Club's completion schedule is now the spring of 1994 rather than the summer of 1993.

About half the 18 holes are constructed and ready for the irrigation system, and dirt has been pushed around five more holes. The remaining holes have been cleared, but no work has been done on them.

Work will continue through the winter, and all holes completed by spring. Clubhouse construction will be completed next fall.

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Ordinance makes range owners legally liable

WHEAT, Colo. — "Out of bounds" has taken on new meaning here.

For golfers, it long meant just a penalty stroke. For patrons of the Lakemont Family Golf Centre, hitting a ball over the fence may lead to a stiff fine.

The Wheat City Council has adopted a measure which states that "No driving range owner or operator will allow or permit golf balls to leave the boundaries of the golf driving range and to thereafter come upon any other property, public or private."

The law is aimed, not at the errant swinger, but at the range owner. A strict liability ordinance, it means that all a victim needs to show is that a golf

ball landed on his or her property. A ball in hand is said to be sufficient for favorable court ruling.

The new law quickly cooled prospective range purchaser Tony Solano. Owner Robert Vermillion's plea that he planned to redesign the range to keep stray balls in bounds was rebuffed.

For Mollie Williams, the law may be a mixed blessing.

She and husband Robert own a business adjacent to Lakemont. They've harvested 4,000 golf balls since Lakemont opened. Some may be collectors' items.

Developers ask city to amend long range plan

REDMOND, Ore. — Two would-be developers have asked the city to consider an amendment to its Dry Canyon plan that would allow development of golf courses in the canyon's preservation area as a conditional use.

The Redmond Urban Area Planning Commission has asked Community Development Director Bob Quitmeier to draw up proposed restrictions that could be placed on such development.

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