

Courts to decide fate of Ventura, Calif. course

VENTURA, Calif. — The Environmental Coalition (EC) of Ventura County has filed a lawsuit seeking to halt the development of a 203-acre private golf course in the Ojai Valley.

Approved by the Board of Supervisors in early February, the proposed project calls for the construction of Farmont Golf Club, an 18-hole private golf course on the north side of Highway 150.

Santa Barbara Attorney Philip A. Seymour filed suit on behalf of the EC against the Farmont Corporation and the County of



Ventura. The suit maintains the supervisors failed to uphold a section of the county's General Plan Policy that prohibits new golf courses in the county from using drinking water for irrigation unless adequate water supplies exist for the long term.

"This lawsuit aims to make Farmont abide by the rules which govern development in Ventura County, rules which exist to protect our resources and which

must be applied equally to all projects," EC member Alasdair Coyne told the *Oxnard Press-Courier*.

Vote sought on new golf holes

POLAND, Ohio — A quarry company may seek a referendum in November to gauge public support for its proposals to either establish a three-hole Poland Township Golf Park or relocate Moore Road.

Wayne Emmer, materials district manager for the quarry firm, ESSROC, believes the golf park is a great idea.

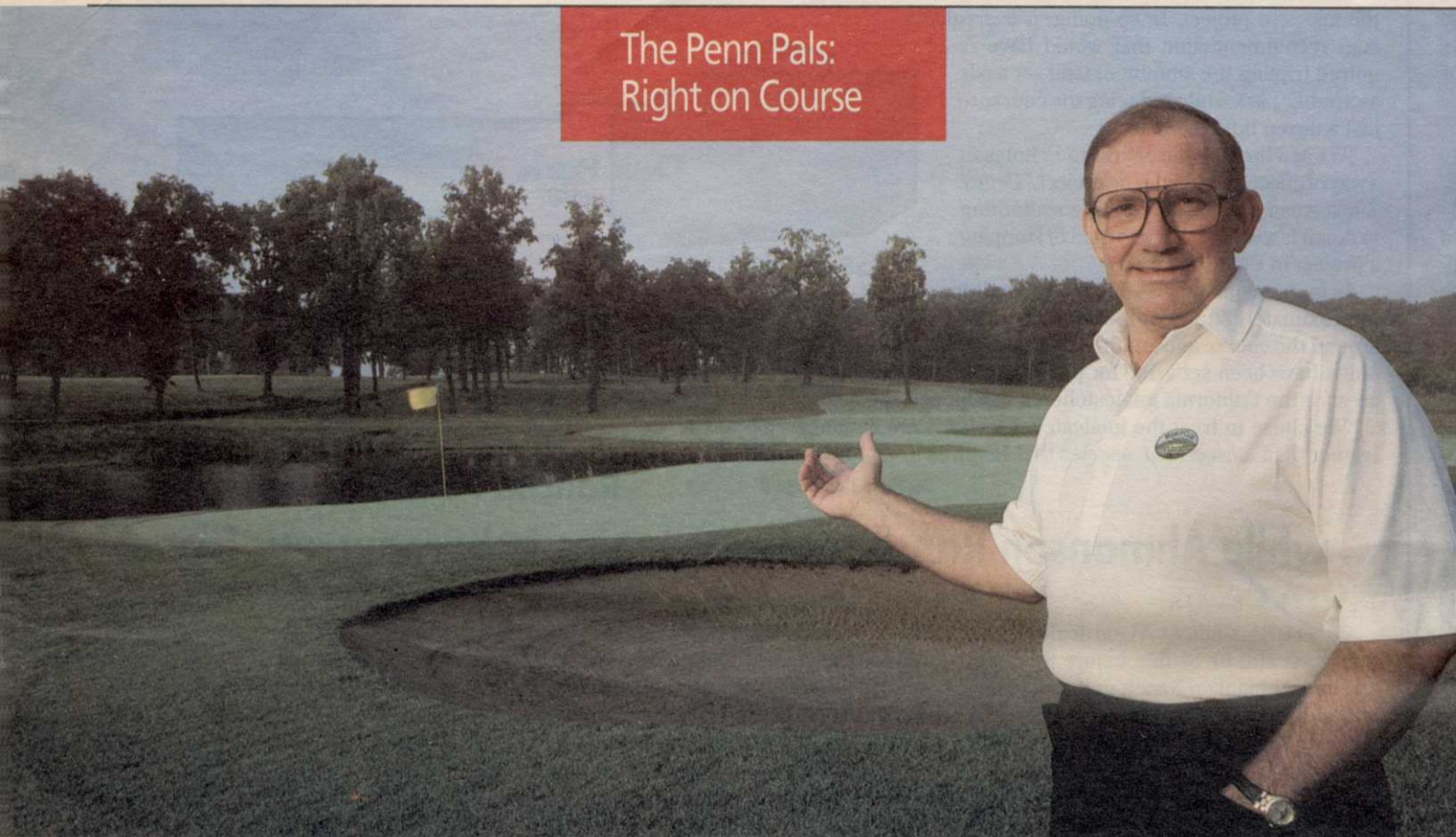
Emmer and Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District Superintendent William Schollaert announced at a township trustee meeting that both have

signed an agreement to purchase land near U.S. Route 224 and Moore Road where ESSROC has a limestone quarry.

The agreement calls for ESSROC to donate approximately 100 acres to the park district, which would in turn purchase another 61 acres for \$43,050.

Mill Creek would build and maintain a recreational complex, in which three golf holes and baseball and soccer fields have been proposed.

The Penn Pals: Right on Course



Oscar Miles, CGCS, overlooks the 6th hole at the Merit Club, Libertyville, Illinois.

PennLinks Greens. Penneagle Fairways. Penncross Tees. The 'Penn Pals' Are Picture Perfect At The Merit Club.

Superintendent Oscar Miles, with Club President Ed Oldfield's affirmation, specified all the grassing of this Robert M. Lohmann designed club. With a clean canvas and open palette, Oscar began with PennLinks greens, Penneagle fairways and Penncross tees, framing them with bluegrass/fine fescue/wildflower and prairiegrass roughs. You couldn't paint a more attractive picture.

Oscar chose PennLinks greens for its rapid establishment, marvelous root system, a crown and stolons that take topdressing, upright, grainless qualities and good, consistent color ... the best putting surface available.

He selected Penncross for tees because they recover from divot scars more quickly.

And the Penneagle fairways? Oscar chose Penneagle for its upright growth, reduced thatch development, low nitrogen requirement and good drought and dollar spot resistance. He seeded at 80 lbs. per acre for immediate turf development and

erosion control. The fairways were playable in 8 weeks. Oscar's crew usually mows fairways in the evening and leaves the clippings; recycling nutrients while reducing removal and fertilizer costs.

Oscar articulates it best: "The unique coloring of the 'Penn Pals' contrasts beautifully with the grassing around them, defining the target areas. And with the dew on the bents early in the morning, they're a marvelous work of art."

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It won't play in Peoria, for now

PEORIA, Ill. — The Peoria Park District has temporarily shelved plans to build a sixth golf course, but the park board is pursuing the purchase of land in case a new course is needed in the future.

"The survey last year showed that our courses aren't at their saturation points," John Gostelet, district supervisor of golf, told the *Journal-Star* in reference to a two-phase, \$10,000 study done by the National Golf Foundation.

The NGF study, however, surveyed a tract of private land that may in the future make a good golf course. Preliminary estimates put the cost of building the new course at about \$3.5 million.

The district will continue to monitor the local economy and golf course demand.

Court awards Calif. man \$85K

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — A San Mateo man who was knocked unconscious by a golf ball as he walked near San Mateo Municipal Golf Course has been awarded \$85,000 in a jury verdict.

Dennis Eischen, 53, convinced the jury in Superior Court that the city was liable for the jaw injury he suffered.

According to Eschens' testimony, the ball, propelled by a golfer at the first tee, bounced in the parking lot and over an existing five-foot fence before hitting Eischen.

Indiana club set to begin building

SHELBYVILLE, Ind. — Construction on one of Shelby County's most luxurious housing and golf developments may begin this year if financing becomes available.

Indian Trace, a 300-acre, \$45 million development, would include an 18-hole golf course, 200 luxury homes, and a small shopping center. Construction is scheduled to begin in October and be finished next August. Play will begin June 1, 1995. Arthur Hills Architects of Toledo, Ohio, will design and build the course.