

NEWS IN BRIEF

ABERDEEN, N.C. — Club Corporation of America (CCA) has proposed to build a new 18-hole championship golf course near the Pinehurst Gun Club area. Pinehurst Acquisition Corporation, a branch of CCA, is seeking general concept approval from the town's Planning and Zoning Board.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — As expected, the federal Environmental Protection Agency has lifted its registration suspension of Embark, a plant growth regulator manufactured by PBI/Gordon of Kansas City, Mo.

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SHEFFIELD, III. — Leroy Wirth, owner-operator of Hidden Lake Country Club, expects construction to begin on nine new holes sometime this fall. The project will also include the building of condominiums. Wirth hopes the nine holes will be finished by 1997. He plans to intermingle the current nine holes with the new nine to form a par 35-35-70-layout.

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DENVER, Colo. — Denver-based Renizon Golf Management Company has been awarded the management contract for the Cimarron Hills Golf Club in Colorado Springs. Renizon Golf Management is affiliated with The Renizon Corp., a golf course development and consulting company headquartered here.

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SEATTLE — Construction of an additional nine holes at Elk Run Golf Course began earlier this spring in King County. The building should be done by summer 1994 when the new 18-hole course will open to play. The county leased 65 acres surrounding its 100-year old gravel pit to Daryl Connell, who owns the course, for expansion purposes. The added nine holes will provide a buffer between the gravel-pit operations and new housing that is being built in the neighborhood.

Sanner joins Golf Course News as Western rep

By HAL PHILLIPS

YARMOUTH, Maine — Bob Sanner has joined *Golf Course News* as Western sales representative, effective June 1.

Sanner spent the past four years as sales manager for *Golf Course Management*, published by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).

"I'm just very excited about the direction and approach that *Golf Course News* is taking," said Sanner. "I'm looking forward to maintaining the relationships that I've worked very hard to establish the last four years."



Bob Sanner

Sanner, whose territory will cover the West and much of the Midwest, will share advertising sales duties with *Golf Course News* Publisher Charles von Brecht.

"Bob Sanner has established a totally professional sales and service record with *Golf Course Management*," said von Brecht. "We are fortunate that Bob felt it was time to make a change."

"Bringing Bob in to manage the western U.S. opens more doors for me to work more closely with clients and agencies in realizing marketing objectives."

Prior to joining *Golf Course Management*, Sanner worked in the consumer electronics industry as Midwest distributor for Webb Electronics.

A Jayhawk to the core, Sanner is a 1980 graduate of Kansas University in Lawrence, Kan., where he currently resides with his wife Jennifer, daughter Rachel, 6, and son Jack, 2.

By the Numbers

Number of U.S. Golfers *

Segment	1991	1992
Core	11.5	11.6
Occasional	11.5	11.5
Junior	1.8	1.7
Total	24.8	24.8

Rounds Played in U.S. *

Segment	1991	1992
Core	418.4	449.9
Occasional	36.7	36.7
Junior	23.5	18.8
Total	478.6	505.4

Source: National Golf Foundation * All figures in millions

Corrections

Because of a reporting error, there was a mistake in the Super Focus on John Katterheinrich, which appeared in the April Edition. The Walker Cup matches scheduled for Aug. 17-19, at Interlachen GC outside Minneapolis attract the top male amateur players from the United States and Europe.

Environmental vandals leave spikes and gum wrappers in wake

By PETER M. BRUYERE

BURNABY, British Columbia, Canada — British Columbia is becoming well known for its radical form of environmental protest known as tree spiking. Through this process, a large spike is driven into trees, making it hazardous — and expensive — to harvest trees.

Now, environmental spiking has taken a new twist. Greens on the new Riverway Golf Course here are being spiked. A vandal or vandals are methodically planting railroad spikes into the greens of this soon-to-be-opened golf course.

Damage to the greens is overshadowed by the potential risk to the grounds crew and golfers should a mower hit a spike. The vandalism is surprising since there has been no public objection to the course.

Riverway superintendent Rod Sideroff said it is the work of someone "not happy with what is going on here."

Environmental activists have also smashed sprinkler heads and spilled oil on the fairways.

The local Parks Board and police officials have no idea who the vandals may be, though the case continues under investigation.

After each attack the spikers litter the fairways with gum wrappers — their apparent signature.

When asked what Sideroff would do if he caught the culprits, he refused to comment.

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Planned Courses

FRONTENAC, Kansas — Kansas Golf Development has proposed building an 18-hole course and leasing it back to the city. The firm reportedly has an option on a 18-acre tract. Developer John Stettin would be interested in leasing the facility if it were sold. The letter would be used to help gain financing year.

PORT LAVACA, Texas — A 15-member advisory board has recommended the City Council build a municipal course. The City Council would donate and sell approximately 150 acres to the city for the project. The 18-hole development surrounding the proposed course site, if approved, would be completed in 1994, according to City Manager C.L. Habaluk.

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa. — Developer John Brink will be very happy if architect Lindsay Eakin outlines the site plan for a new 18-hole course in Chambersburg. Eakin's proposed course would be built on a 150-acre tract in Eastern Maryland. Brink and Eakin are currently in the preliminary planning stage. The course would include an 18-hole driving range and 120 homes are also planned. Brink is currently in the preliminary planning stage.

IDE, Mass. — Residents will vote May 17 whether to build a municipal golf course. A golf course committee has been formed. The committee is currently in the preliminary planning stage. The site owned by the golf committee was reportedly purchased by a neighboring farmer. If voters vote to build the course, eminent domain proceedings are reportedly possible.

WESTPORT, Conn. — Voters will decide in June whether to appropriate \$475,000 for a new 4,000-square-foot clubhouse, irrigation system and other improvements for the Westport Golf Club.

LOCKPORT, Ohio — Developers Rudy Fackman and Bob Blais are hoping to obtain financing for the construction of the 18-hole course. The pair hope to start construction of the 18-hole course in the near future. A clubhouse, irrigation system and other improvements are also planned.

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