

Secret donor gives Tenn. Golf House & course a running start

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — An anonymous benefactor has donated \$1 million to fund Golf House Tennessee, a state golf mecca that will include a nine-hole, par-3 golf course.

All of the state's governing golf bodies are expected to inhabit the 1842 mansion, which was purchased using the donor's contribution.

The mansion will house administrative offices, a library, and a junior golf learning center that will include living quarters for up to 48 junior campers.

Golf course architect Bob Cupp has designed the nine-hole course along with a 1.5-acre putting course. Golf course superintendents will maintain an active turfgrass research facility on the course.

"Tennessee is the most difficult growing belt in the country," Dick Horton, Tennessee's Golf Association executive director explained to the *Nashville Banner*. "With this [research facility], they can experiment with different strains of grass, use shaded and sunny areas."

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Contractor to sue city over 'low' bid

COLUMBUS, Ind. — A Columbus attorney representing a Hoagland contractor has filed notice that his client intends to sue the city and Otter Creek for not awarding him a contract to expand the golf course. Richard Eynon has sent tort claim notices and a letter on behalf of Exterior Designing, Inc. to the city. The letter says Exterior suffered damages May 4, when the city and Otter Creek board of di-

rectors refused to award Exterior the contract for construction of the 9-hole addition to the golf course, even though Exterior was the lowest bidder. The \$2,390,000 contract was awarded to Irvin Construction Co. of Louisville, Ky. Eynon's letter also indicated that Exterior had been damaged by losing profits from the contract. Exterior is seeking \$300,000, the maximum statutory amount.

Course owners: 'We're not fat cats'

TULSA, Okla. — Faced with the prospect of losing their golf cart businesses, several local golf operators and pros are rallying together to present the City Council with financial statements.

After the City Council issued a report indicating the city could save \$1 million if it would buy or lease its own golf course, Arthur Bennett and George Glenn indicated they have invested hundreds of thousands of dollars in golf carts.

"The impression is that we're fat cats who are ripping off the

city," Glen told the *Tulsa World*. Bennett and Glen, who operate Mohawk Golf Course and Belcher Golf Course, respectively, said they will open their books to city councilors and the park board to prove they are not overpaid.

Bennett's and Glenn's courses came under examination by the City Council because the city spent \$241,000 last year to subsidize them. City officials will examine the books of both courses more closely before rendering a decision.

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