

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**SHERBURNE, Vt.** — This town is scheduled to get the state's first municipal golf course in 1996. Local voters last month approved a \$5.5 million bond issue. State and federal environmental permits must be obtained, and Vermont's rigid Act 250 regulations hurdled. Town manager David Lewis is confident of all necessary permits and expects construction to begin this spring. Gene Bates will design the 18-hole course.

**LOS ANGELES** — An 18-hole golf course will be prominent in the largest project under development — in terms of land area — in Los Angeles County. Ritter Ranch, a 10,625-acre master-planned community poised for first-phase construction, lists five separate residential villages. Encompassed will be 400 acres of parks, 85 miles of hiking, biking and equestrian trails.

**RIVERDALE, Mo.** — A 400-home housing development here, which will eventually include an 18-hole golf course, has been proposed by developer Dr. Glenn Turner, who said he couldn't estimate the project's expense. The golf course will not be completed until the final phases of the project.

**CHICAGO, Ill.** — Wittek Golf Supply Co. has appointed Charlie Garrett as regional sales manager of Wittek-West. Garrett will be responsible for managing all sales activity in California. Garrett and Wittek-West are located in Mission Viejo, Calif. The telephone number is 714-347-9007; in state, 1-800-365-0889.

**LYNN TOWNSHIP, Pa.** — The Old Homestead Golf Club, planned for 230 acres along Route 309, is a go after hurdling a minor cost holdup. The developer and Lynn Township agreed to split the cost for repair of a small road. Next step is a driving range, pro shop and parking lot. Second phase will be clubhouse, 18-hole course and driveway.



Royal Kenfield is one of the former Mizuno holdings up for bid at government auction.

## Ex-Mizuno holdings on the block this spring

**HENDERSON, Nev.** — Two golf course properties, Indian Wells and Royal Kenfield, that were seized in the second largest non-drug forfeiture case in United States history, will be auctioned to the public in late spring.

First on the auction block — April 28, 1994 — will be the 18-hole Royal Kenfield Country Club located here, just outside Las Vegas. Formerly known as the Showboat Country Club, Royal Kenfield is a Clark Glasson design opened in 1959. It was later remodeled by Bob Cupp with help from Hubert Green.

The sale of Indian Wells properties, scheduled for May 19, 1994, will include the 155-room Hotel Indian Wells founded by Desi Arnez, approximately 6.2 acres of vacant land adjacent to the hotel, and the 27-hole golf course designed by Harry Rainville.

The two prominent properties were turned over to the federal government last October as the result of a guilty plea

in a landmark case connected to an international money laundering operation with ties to Japan. Ken International — a Japanese corporation headed by Ken Mizuno that developed golf courses and other properties in Japan — admitted that it fraudulently oversold memberships to the Ibaragi Country Club. Fifty-two thousand memberships were sold, while only 1,830 were actually available.

Approximately \$100 million derived from the fraud were used to purchase a number of properties in California, Nevada, and Hawaii, including Indian Wells and Royal Kenfield.

Proceeds from the auctions will cover U.S. Government costs, with the remaining distributed to the Japanese victims, U.S. Government, and U.S. creditors.

The sale is being conducted by EG&G Dynatrend of Burlington, Mass., and Larry Latham Auctioneers of Scottsdale, Ariz. For more information, contact Sales Manager John Saunders at 310-618-0164.

## Pebble Beach Co. to co-sponsor Environmental Summit in 1995

By HAL PHILLIPS

**PEBBLE BEACH, Calif.** — Leaders from the golf course industry and the environmental movement will likely beat a path down 17 Mile Drive next year when the Pebble Beach Co. and The Center for Resource Management co-sponsor an "Environmental Summit" addressing the ecological impact of golf courses and resorts.

The summit is tentatively planned for Jan. 16-18, 1995, here at the Inn at Spanish Bay. According to Rich Patterson, program manager in the Planning Department at Pebble Beach Co., the attendee list should include representatives of the United States Golf Association (USGA), Sierra Club, Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA), Environmental Protection Agency, American Society of Golf Course Architects (ASGCA), Professional Golfers Association (PGA), Audubon Society, National Golf Foundation (NGF) and the Nature Conservancy.

What will happen when folks from the Sierra Club and Nature Conservancy sit down at the same table with all these acronyms?

"I think people will realize there is a little more common ground than one might expect," said Patterson, one of the summit's architects. "The main point will be to get together and really discuss the issues that have been volleyed back and forth in the press.

"We also want to pass along some practical information to the audience. And hopefully, those who run golf courses and resorts will be in attendance."

The Denver-based Center for Resource

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