

Ore. course survives state regulatory challenge

PRINEVILLE, Ore. — Prineville's proposed third golf course has withstood a challenge from the Department of Land Conservation and Development.

As a result, Ochoco Creek Resort, a nine-hole layout surrounded by 75 townhouses, will be built on 215 acres along Ochoco Creek west of Prineville Golf and Country Club.

The state appeals court rejected the state DLCD's appeal of the county's course approval.

The state agency contended the county failed to follow the state's Goal 3 agricultural rule by converting agricultural land to non-resource

agricultural land without following proper procedures.

The county countered that the DLCD appealed the project too late by appealing at the second stage of the three-stage process.

Original course plans were filed in Crook County in 1991. In April 1992, the Crook County Planning Commission gave the project preliminary approval.

Tennessee Engineering Inc. of The Dalles is the engineer and architect. The nine holes could be incorporated with neighboring Prineville G&CC to make an 18-hole layout.

Mass. dump could become links

NATICK, Mass. — A town landfill may become the base for an 18-hole golf course here, near the town's boundary with neighboring Sherborn.

Local Town Administrator Fred Conley said it would take at least two years before the landfill is safely capped and the course could be developed.

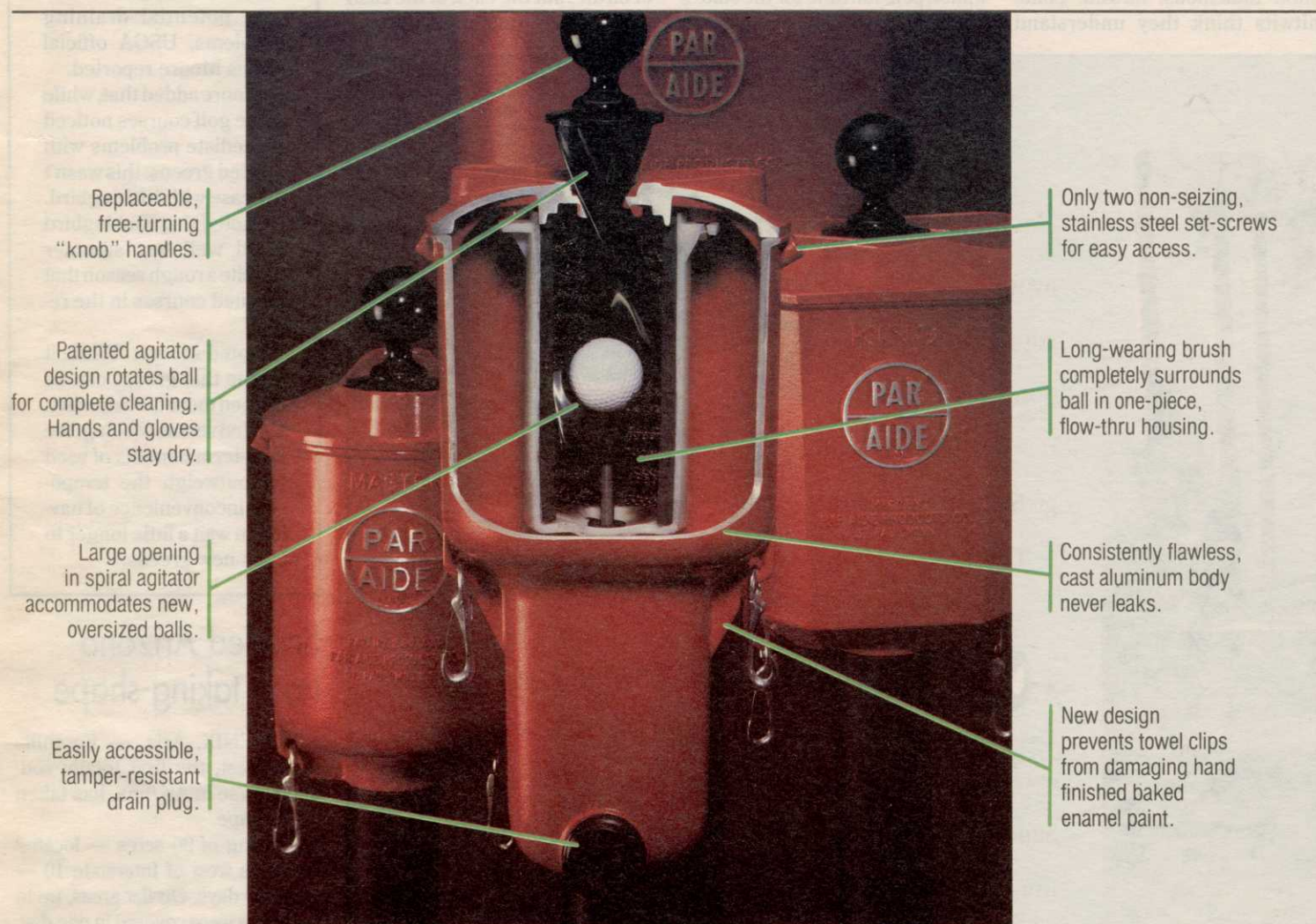
Natick hired Amherst course architects Geoffrey Cornish and Brian Silva to probe ways to reuse the fill. The course would use about 100 acres.

Tentatively called Indian Creek Golf Course, about 60 percent would be town-owned land in Natick.

Conley said Natick could build a driving range or pitch-and-putt center on its part of the land, but would be unable to complete a full golf course.

The 5,000-yard layout would be a par 63.

Conley said the golf course could provide a recreation facility the area now does not have. Sherborn has no golf course.



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Minn. muni could be constructed early

ROCHESTER, Minn. — This state, once famed for lakes and snow but now deeply involved in all sports, is accenting golf. The city's recreation department is pushing for a fourth municipal course three years earlier than originally planned.

The latest course would be built on 207 acres at U.S. 63 North and 48th Street Northeast.

The parks department recommended starting construction in 1995 and opening the upscale facility in 1996.

A driving range and practice holes also are envisioned.

Municipal bonds would finance the \$2.1 million project. Officials estimate 26,500 rounds annually.