

NEWS IN BRIEF

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—*Golf Course News* will conduct an advertising readership study in conjunction with its September issue, according to Publisher Charles von Brecht. The formal study will be conducted by Baxter Research Inc. of Austin, Texas. Industry firms wishing to participate should contact von Brecht at 1-800-636-7077.

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HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE, Ark.—Diamante Golf Course, the longest in Arkansas, is now under construction. Measuring 7,500 yards from the back tees, the 18-hole development will feature a 9,000-square-foot clubhouse, a tennis facility and swimming complex. The completion date for the \$7.4 million project is September 1995.

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TROY, Ohio—The park board here has approved the expenditure of half the set-aside funding for development of a Miami Shore Golf Course master plan. Up to \$18,000 will be spent on the preliminary site plan, which will be prepared by Ferdinand Garbin of Export, Ga.

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LAWRENCE, N.Y.—James Henn, an employee of the Lehman Bros. securities firm, is suing the Rockaway Hunting Club and a coworker after being hit by a golf ball on a company outing. Henn named alleged ball-striker Alan Greco, the club and its golf pro, Randy Cavanagh in the suit. Henn charges that Cavanagh and the club were negligent for not monitoring the golfers' abilities and actions.

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SHOSHONE, Idaho—A proposed municipal golf course here awaits approval from the federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The city council has sent a letter to the BLM asking it to designate 480 acres as "disposal," allowing the city to acquire it for municipal use.

Homestead advances 9-hole plan

By ALEXA AINSWORTH

GLEN ARBOR, Mich. — The Homestead Resort will open this fall a nine-hole, par-3 golf course here at the bottom of its downhill ski facility. The resort's long-proposed 18-hole development remains in flux, caught in the substantial red tape of state and federal courts.

The par-3 course was designed by Robert Walker over 1,200 yards of ski slope. "The golf course will help to extend the resort's summer season into spring and fall," said Bob Kuras, president of The Homestead.

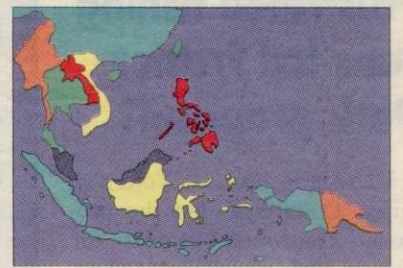
"Importantly," Kuras continued, "this nine-hole golf course neither eliminates our need to build an 18-hole regulation golf course on another site adjacent to The Homestead, nor tempers our resolve to do just that."

Approval of controversial 18-hole development remains tied up in court

Nearby, 267 acres await approval for the 18-hole design. For more than six years the site — which contains sizable wetland areas — has sat idle at the mercy of state and federal courts.

In April, Judge Lawrence Glazer of the Ingham County Circuit Court found in favor of The Homestead and the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Glazer determined the DNR and the Michigan Natural Resource Commission were correct in issuing Homestead a construction permit, provided the developer met

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American supers witness rioting at Vietnamese course

By ROBERT B. GLUCKSMAN

HANOI, Vietnam — Vietnam's first modern-era golf development, King's Island Golf Resort and Country Club, has reopened following a riot instigated by the project's construction foreman, who is also a village headman, upset at his suspension for insubordination and poor performance.

"The workers just started running around the range, yelling and screaming," and dodging golf balls, according to U.S. project manager Ron Kirby. "We were told to leave by flashlight after dark. It was pretty hairy."

Following a weekend of sit-down strikes and general disruption — but no damage to the course — the club owner made the decision to immediately shut down the project until the national government agreed to guarantee everyone's safety. With six of 18 holes playable, King's Island has since reopened, though Kirby's villa is protected 24 hours a day by armed guard.

Most of the 70 workers involved in the disturbance have been relocated by the Vietnamese government, said Kirby. The headman was suspended for continued insubordination by American construction shaper Scott Japp the weekend of April 9. According to Japp — who has worked extensively overseas for architect Denis

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FAZIO MINES COURSE FROM CALIFORNIA DESERT

The Quarry at La Quinta, designed by Tom Fazio, has opened for play in the desert footing the Santa Rosa Mountains. The 7,076-yard, par-72 golf course has replaced the scarred pit of a quarry floor, which now includes four lakes, 1,000 lineal feet of streams, and more than 300 native California fan palms. Fazio incorporated buffalograss native to the prairies of the Midwest on some of The Quarry's fairway roughs for water efficiency and visual contrast.

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Course project softens blow of plant closure

RICHLAND, Wash. — Jobs at the new Horn Rapids Golf Course and Industrial Park may diversify the economy in this atomic town that is expecting to lose its primary employer upon completion of the Hanford nuclear reservation cleanup.

The new golf course and community — located across the street from each other — hope to attract people who work in the Tri-City area and lure companies like Boeing Co., Microsoft Corp. and Honeywell Inc. to replace the possible loss of 16,500 high-paying jobs from Hanford.

The golf course should play a large

role in the city's economic future because city officials envision people who live around the course working at an industrial park across the street.

The Horn Rapid development is the first effort to decrease Richland's dependence on the U.S. Department of Energy and Hanford. It plans to launch other developments near Battelle-Northwest.

Richland also owns 5,000 to 6,000 acres, thousand acre tracts and single lots, that they plan to use in the future development of the area, said Bill King, deputy city manager for community development.

Booming Arkansas village eyes sixth course

HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE, Ark. — The Hot Springs Village Property Owners Association (HSVPOA) Board of Directors has approved an amended offer for the future development of the village's sixth golf course.

The board, by a five-to-one vote, accepted developer Cooper Communities Inc.'s offer of 450 acres of land on which to build the course, architectural services worth \$94,000, and a four-year, interest-free, loan of \$1.3 million to meet construction costs.

In return the HSVPOA is to provide water and sewer services to certain Hot Spring Village subdivisions.

The amended version was completed Tuesday in last-minute negotiations.

"People asked 'Why the hurry?' But the

fact is that there is no hurry now," board member Ed Hearn told *The Sentinel-Record*. "We've secured the financing, but we're under no obligation to build the new golf course now or ever."

The association negotiating committee — Keith Brown, Hearn and Keith Endquist — had been hindered by dissent among the villagers because of cost.

Those in favor cited the growing demand for golf and decreased availability of tee times, as the retirement-based boomtown continues to grow by an estimated 1,000 residents a year.

Former vice president of HSVPOA Sam Harris told *The Sentinel-Record* he personally hoped the board would delay the action on the new course.

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Local businessman Homer Scott Jr. is planning to develop an 18-hole golf course and subdivision on 608 acres near Big Horn. Scott presented plans to the Sheridan County Planning Commission in early June to build the course on the old Power Horn Ranch site. The golf course was compatibly zoned and met with no opposition. However, Scott had to file a request for zoning variance regarding the density of the proposed residential development.

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HILTON HEAD, S.C. — Construction has begun here on the retirement community of Sun City which will feature three golf courses, homes and recreation buildings. The developer, Del Webb, plans to have most of the clearing finished for the first golf course by March of 1995.

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LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Mt. Charleston Alpine Golf Resort is awaiting county approval to begin grading for a new 9-hole golf course. The \$35 million project calls for a future 132-suite hotel, an alpine village, skating rink and retail space. The course will be constructed by the resort's parent company and is scheduled to be completed later this year.

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BRADENTON, Fla. — Lakewood Ranch, the facility being developed here by the owners of the Schlitz Brewing Co., will include two golf course villages. Approved by both Manatee and Sarasota counties, the 20-year master plan calls for five residential villages in the development. The Country Club village will feature a 27-hole golf course and its sister village, Greenbrook, will sport an 18-hole public golf course.

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GREENVILLE, Mich. — Glenkerry Golf Course is scheduled to open its first nine holes by July of 1996. The developers, David and Kathy Klein — who are also owners of nearby North Kent Golf Course — are purchasing 290 acres of land from the city of Greenville for the \$1.6 million Glenkerry development. The course, designed by Warner Bowen and Sons, will be an 18-hole facility by the summer of 1999.

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ABOITE TOWNSHIP, Ind. — Chestnut Hills, an \$18.5 million development featuring a Fuzzy Zoeller golf course, will soon bridge the Aboite River here. The development will be built on 435 acres — containing woodlands, a creek, a river and five lakes. Owned by local businessman Gary Probst, Chestnut Hills will be a public golf course, with memberships available.



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