

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.

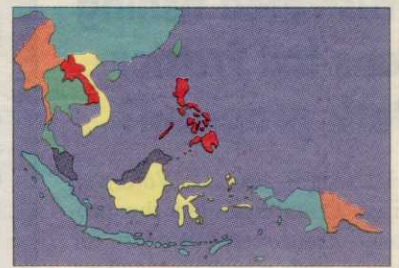
"Importantly," Kuras continued, "this nine-hole golf course neither eliminates our need to build an 18-hole regulation golf course on another site adjacent to The Homestead, nor tempers our resolve to do just that."

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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