

Conn. city weighs course expansion

NEW BRITAIN, Conn. — Alderman Joe Willis envisions rolling hills, picnic tables, nature trails and water rides as the preferred route for future A.W. Stanley Park development.

The inside track, though, may be held by proponents of a driving range and another nine holes for Stanley Municipal Golf Course.

A.W. Stanley Park and the Stanley Golf Course are on land donated to the city in the 1920s by Arthur W. Stanley of the tool-making family.

In the late 1920s, New Britain built the golf course in the city's largest park, which covers 556 acres. A consistent money-maker, the course could use another nine holes to accommodate golfers.

The city Parks and Recreation Commission is weighing five plans proposing that driving ranges be built on the northwest corner of the park. While not taking sides, R. Peter Ledger, director of parks and recreation, thinks Willis' park plan is feasible and a reasonable alternative.

World Golf Village to break ground?

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. — Ending a two-year wait, construction is set for the first stage of a \$1.5 billion development in St. Johns County that will feature multiple courses and a golf hall of fame.

Work on a new Interstate 95 interchange will provide the springboard. Expanded plans for the hall, now expected to include most major golf organizations, have slowed the project.

Negotiations to bring a Hilton Hotel to the site have been prolonged. The northwest St. Johns County development slated to include 7,200 homes has been planned since the mid-1980s.

The hall, targeted to open in late 1995, is envisioned as part of a World Golf Village that will include the hotel and a golf course. Officials believe it will draw up to a million tourists annually.

Wisconsin project awaiting lease agreement okay

JANESVILLE, Wis. — A proposed country-club quality 18-hole golf course will receive close scrutiny and hopefully lease agreement approval by the Rock County Board early in March.

L.S.H., Inc. of Janesville plans to build the course on 177 acres of county-owned land south of the Rock County Airport.

If approved, building the \$3.83 million course would begin next year. Opening could be in the spring of 1996.

The project would embrace a 60-station practice range, practice green, 6,000-square foot clubhouse with dining facilities, bar, pro shop and administrative offices.

Martin Design Partnership of Geneva, Ill., designed the 6,600-yard layout.

Palmer to design daily-fee in Bloomington, Ill.?

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — The city hopes to build a public golf course designed by Arnold Palmer at a cost of nearly \$6 million.

The City Council will vote in the spring on required property annexation. The 18-hole layout designated Fox Ridge Country Club is not expected to open until 1997.

The planned course site is near the Nestle Beich candy plant, owned by the Snyder Corp., a Bloomington land developer. The company has asked Bloomington to annex the property, which would be donated to the city.

Of the \$6 million cost, \$1.5 million would come from public funds.

Spring brings construction at New Jersey site

HILLSBOROUGH, N.J. — Royce Brook Golf Club, a 36-hole public layout in the township's northeast section, is expected to open by mid- or late-1995.

Construction is due to begin this spring on the 440-acre site near Millstone River Road.

The golf course will have on its property an 8,950-square foot clubhouse, pro shop and restaurant.

The project is being funded by Hillsborough Golf Associates under a limited partnership with Bellemead Development Corp. of Roseland.

The fence enclosing the facility will have a gap in it because of wetlands on the property. Under state law, nothing can be built on wetlands.

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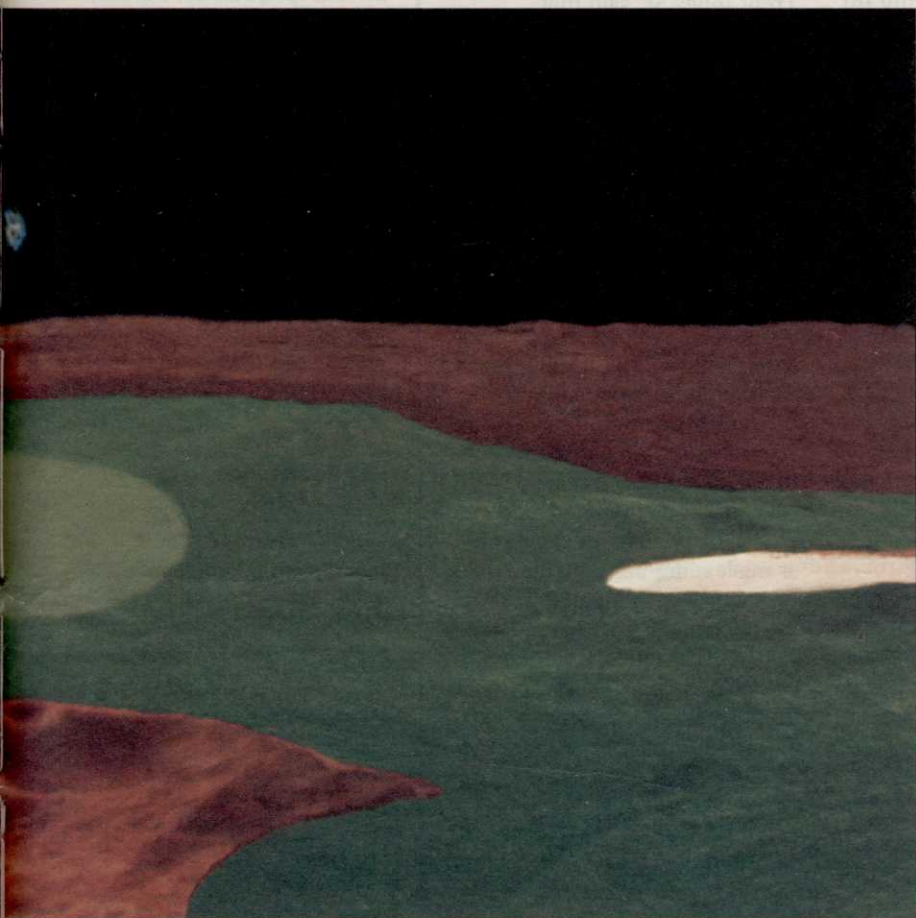
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