

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**PLEASANT HILL, Iowa** — The City Council approved a "tax increment financing district" that will permit Hubbell Realty Co. to be repaid for investing in road improvements near the Copper Creek Golf Community its development. The project includes 900 housing units and a golf course in the northern part of town.

**EVANSVILLE, Ind.** — Warrick County officials are weighing the merit of the county's first public golf course. A group of partners known as BR&S Inc., which hopes to build the facility, has huddled with the Redevelopment Commission, and also is working with the landowners, Lake Group Inc. The course would be surrounded by housing.

**WAYCROSS, Ga.** — The Laura S. Walker State Park Golf Course should be ready for play by the end of 1995. To be constructed across Georgia Highway 177 from Laura Walker Lake, the \$4 million project should be in place before the 1996 Olympics, officials say. The 350-acre facility will include a clubhouse, maintenance building, 238 parking spaces and a safety buffer around the entire course.

**PABLO ROBLES, Calif.** — Area impact of a proposed golf course near the Municipal Airport is under study. The project proposed by Coastal Golf Co. includes an 18-hole course, driving range, clubhouse, coffee shop and cart barn.

**CLEVELAND** — Oakwood Club, an 89-year-old private country club in the eastern suburbs, plans to pull up its golf roots, perhaps meaning the end for its Arthur Boggs/Tom Bendelow design. Club officials are negotiating to build a new club & course in Geauga County. Diversified Realty Corp. has offered to buy the 168-acre site for \$22 million if it can get the land rezoned for shopping centers and multi-family housing.

Second-class postage paid at Yarmouth, Maine, and additional mailing office. *Golf Course News* (ISSN 1054-0644) is published monthly by United Publications, Inc., 38 Lafayette St., P.O. Box 997, Yarmouth, ME 04096. Phone number is 207-846-0600.

The publisher assumes no responsibility for unsolicited material or prices quoted in the newspaper. Contributors are responsible for proper release of proprietary classified information. Copyright 1994 by United Publications Inc. All rights reserved. Reproduction, in whole and in part, without the written permission from the publisher is expressly prohibited.

Reprints and permission to reprint may be obtained from Managing Editor, *Golf Course News*, P.O. Box 997, Yarmouth, ME 04096. Back issues, when available, cost \$5 each within the past 12 months, \$10 each prior to the past 12 months. Back issue orders must be paid in advance either by check or charged to American Express, Visa or MasterCard.

*Golf Course News* is distributed in the U.S. without charge to qualified personnel of golf course facilities and to golf course builders, developers and architects. Subscriptions to Canadian golf facilities cost \$25 annually; other paid subscriptions to the U.S. and Canada cost \$45. All foreign subscriptions cost \$125 annually to cover air delivery. All payments must be made in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank. **For subscriber services, please call 215-788-7112.** Send address changes to *Golf Course News*, P.O. Box 3047, Langhorne, Pa. 19047-3047.

GOLF COURSE NEWS



Builders carved the par-4, 375-yard 4th hole through the plentiful woods at International TPC at Mito.

## Weed takes TPC formula to Japan

By MARK LESLIE

**PONTE VEDRA, Fla.** — The PGA Tour's Tournament Players Club (TPC) division has made an exclusive nine-year arrangement with Tokyo Dome Corp. to develop International TPCs in Japan.

Saying the first of the projects, International TPC at Mito in Ibaraki Prefecture, is being completed and is expected to open next May, PGA Tour chief designer Bobby Weed added: "We have a number of other courses in planning stages, and probably will build five to seven before the end of the contract."

Tokyo Dome Corp., based in Tokyo, is a blue-chip corporation that develops resorts and amusement facilities.

While the Mito project will be private, others will be open to the public. "The International TPCs will go a long way in providing an avenue to play golf there," said Weed, adding that the 14 TPCs built in the U.S. are open to the public, though designed as "stadium" courses with PGA tournaments, and their spectators, in mind.

Besides the Mito facility, the develop-

ers are awaiting final approvals for the public-access International TPC at Ichihara in Chiba Prefecture. Several others are planned, including "a potentially wonderful" course in Ohasa, Weed said.

Weed said International TPC is working with Toyo Green, a Japanese agronomic consultant for residential and development contractors.

"We've convinced them to incorporate some of our design ideas to improve the agronomics of the golf courses here," he said. "To get better golfers, they must incorporate more updated technology and better-designed courses. Some of the older courses they're playing on can't compare to the newer ones Americans are designing. It's very difficult to develop a strategic and well-designed golf course when you're playing to two greens on every hole. They just don't have the land to do that today.

"And with better agronomic practices and sensitive design, we can create a better golf course with a single green, and provide them a better challenge. That will improve them as golfers."

## Exhaustive water study indicates chemical runoff to be negligible

By MARK LESLIE

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — Perhaps the most thorough study in the world has found that unhealthy amounts of chemicals are rarely found in runoff water from golf courses.

In a study unveiled at the 8th International Congress of Pesticide Chemistry here, two Japanese scientists reported results of a government-sponsored, three-year study that encompassed 246,000 analyses of water in and around golf courses.

"I've never seen anyone do such an incredible scope of work. It was a massive project," said Stuart Cohen, president of Environmental & Turf Services, Inc. in Wheaton, Md.

Of the 246,000 analyses, scientists found pesticides in 10,536. Just 31 samples exceeded the Health Advisory Level (HAL), according to Dr. Osamu Yamada and Masaaki Minoura, manager and technical specialist in analytical chemistry, respectively, of Tahara Agricultural Center in Aichi Prefecture for Cyanimid (Japan) Ltd.

Funded by the government, the *Environmental Study on Wayup 45SC in Water Inside/Around Golf Courses in Japan* involved several official institutes including Japan's Environment Agency. K. Ohba and S. Yashioka co-authored the study with Yamada and Minoura.

*Golf Course News* was unable to contact the Japanese scientists for comment.

In 1992, the last year of the study, scientists tested 110,701 water

Continued on page 12



### UNITED SOIL BLENDERS, INC.

United Soil Blenders, Inc. offers these advantages to its customers:

- Highest quality blending
- Constant on-site monitoring of mixing operation
- Continual percolation testing to ensure USGA specs
- Complete turn-key pricing
- LOWEST PRICING — including loader and all labor

Soil blending is a must in the high-tech business of golf course construction. And United Soil Blenders, Inc. strives for excellence in every green construction project we undertake.

For the Best greens ever, insist on United Soil Blenders, Inc.

(912) 386-1970

P.O. Box 1325, Tifton, GA 31793

CIRCLE #102

**CARTS** The Best Flags, Signs, Flagsticks, Tee Markers, Practice Green Markers, And Accessories Ever Made.

Call today for a catalog and more information.

**FORE-PAR**  
DISTINCTIVE GOLF COURSE ACCESSORIES

16761 Burke Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92647  
Phone 714 842-8494 / 800 845-0809

CIRCLE #103