

Del Webb to make Hilton Head debut

BEAUFORT, S.C. — Del Webb Corp., long prominent in golf course-recreation center development in Arizona and the West, will bring its expertise to Sun City Hilton Head.

The Beaufort County Development Review Committee approved plans to "grub, stub and grate" 173 acres of land on its 5,300-acre tract at U.S. 278 and S.C. 170.

The cleared land will be the site of an 18-hole course and recreation center. Building the golf course and other recreation facilities before most subdivision homes are built will provide Sun City a selling point for potential homebuyers.

About 15,000 homes will house 40,000 residents when complete in 17 years.

Feasibility study to determine the asking price?

ASHEVILLE, Ohio — A feasibility study of Cooks Creek Golf Course operations conducted by GolfCorp will determine what percentage of the course the company will buy.

GolfCorp operates more than 35 courses and is a sister organization to Club Corp. International.

The Cook family — grandfather Burt, father and mother Jim and Lyda, and children John and Cathy — now maintain sole ownership.

The course price tag is about \$5 million, but seven lawsuits have plagued smooth operation of the facility.

Nine holes have been in play for a year. The full 18 is due next season. Hotels or inns are planned, as are 18 area homesites.

Rocky site hinders Dye project in Pa.

FARMINGTON, Pa. — "One year down, less than two to go" might be the theme of Mystic Rock Golf Course developers.

Course architect Pete Dye, who has resculptured a stone mountain into a picturesque 7,297-yard par-72 layout, noted. "I've never seen so much rock in my life. It's the most difficult property I've had to build a course on in terms of construction."

However, he forecasts course opening in the spring of 1995.

Owner Joe Hardy concurs. He estimates construction costs at \$15 million. More than \$1 million worth of topsoil has been brought in.

Relief for Bonnie Dundee; Marching orders in Galena

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS — Bonnie Dundee Golf Course, parched by soaring summer temperatures and little rainfall, soon will have some turf stability.

The Dundee Township Park District Board of Commissioners has approved a \$600,000 irrigation project.

The course, purchased in 1992, lacks an automated irrigation system. Course workers use a "bare bones, hose- and roller-based system" to irrigate greens and tees when Mother Nature fails to meet

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precipitation requirements, said golf course superintendent Mike Sprouse.

A new parking lot is planned south of the Bonnie Dundee Clubhouse. Work could begin in the fall.

GALENA — Marching orders in the form of groundbreaking for The General, a 7,000-yard par-72

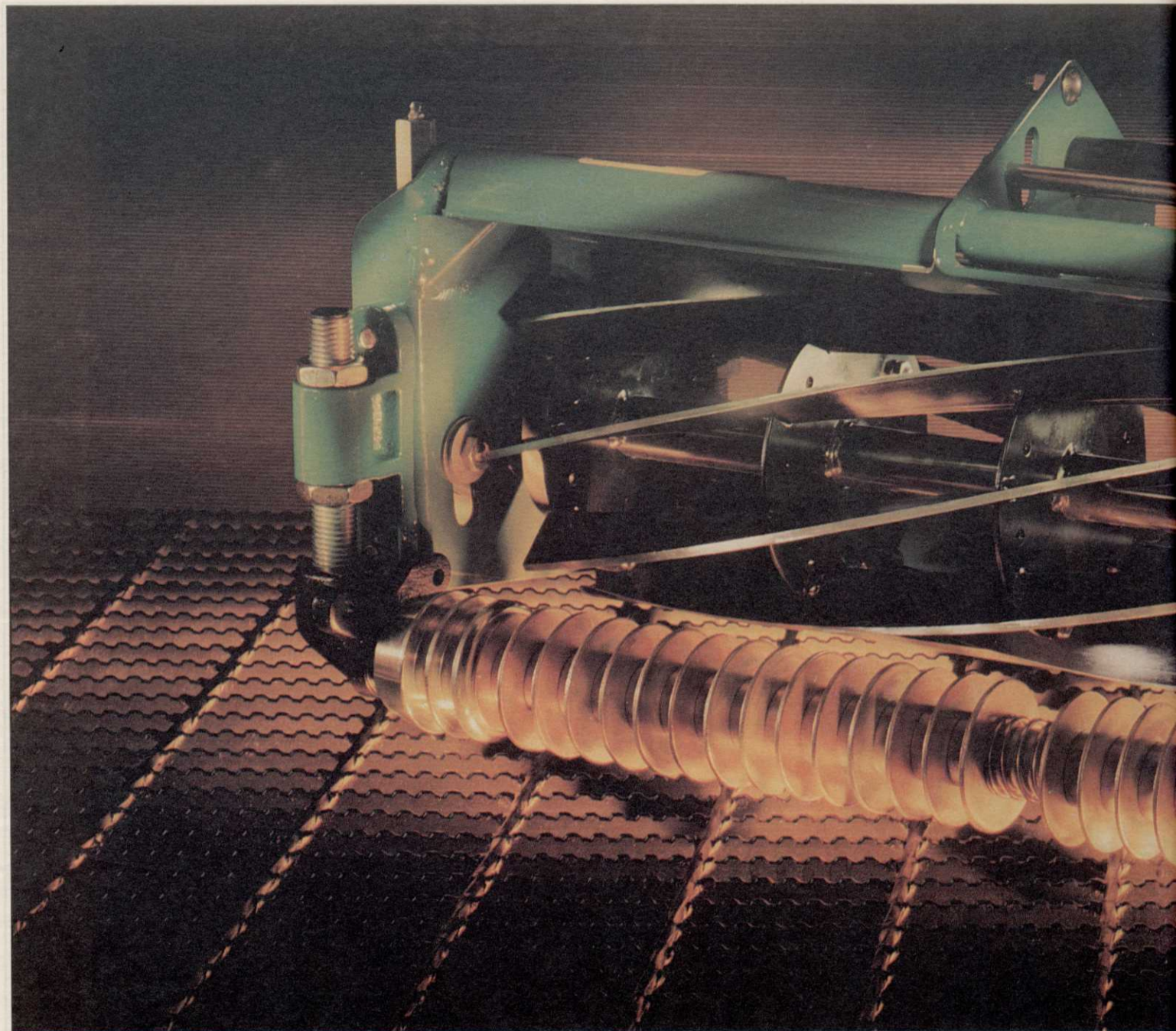
championship course, is designed to establish Eagle Ridge Inn & Resort as the "golf resort capital of the Midwest." Its name was chosen because of its link to Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, famed Civil War general from Galena and 18th president of the United States.

Andy North, twice U.S. Open champ, and Roger Packard — architect of the other Eagle Ridge courses — are designing The General. Paul Clute and Associates is the contracted builder.

CAROL STREAM, III. — Expansion of Maple Meadows golf course from nine to 18 holes has drawn fire from Wood Dale resident Dorothy Bochenko

"With all the golf courses around here, it seems like a waste of money," she told county board member Bill Maio.

Maio, who helped develop the golf course project for the forest preserve district, said residents are not paying for the project with their tax money. "Every single penny spent there comes from golfers and people who rent the place for weddings and other events," he said.



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