

Drowning victim's family files golf course suit

Mother says owner should have known her son would trespass and the pond should have been fenced

NEW IBERIA, La. — A woman whose 11-year-old son drowned in a pond at the Squirrel Run Golf Course in 1994 has filed suit against the golf course owners, managers, former owners Perry and Emma Lou Segara, and others.

Elsa Jones filed suit on behalf of herself and her deceased son, Kendall Jones. Kendall Jones drowned June 13, 1994 after falling into a pond on the golf course

where he and several other boys were allegedly looking for golf balls. Other witnesses have said the boys were swimming at the pond and that Kendall jumped in and did not come up. New Iberia Police have said Jones and the boys were trespassing at the time of the incident.

The suit, which is filed against 13 different individuals and corporations including the course architect, alleges that the defen-

dants were negligent because they "knew or should have known that children were reasonably anticipated to be in the area of the pond in question because of the attraction of the pond and premises."

The suit also claims liability against the defendants due to "failing to fence the pond in question, failing to restrict and/or supervise the area containing the pond in question, failing to post signs warning of

the dangers of playing near and/or swimming in the pond, and failing to take all other necessary and reasonable precautions to limit or prevent the dangers contained in the pond in question."

The Daily Iberian has reported that the only party named in the suit that has an interest in the golf course — both currently and at the time of the incident — is S. R. (Squirrel Run) Golf, Inc. owners and operators.

Fla. company specializing in short courses

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — The Classic Golf Group Inc. in Winter Haven is a company pursuing a fresh idea: designing shorter 18-hole golf courses for seniors and women.

Neal Harris, an Orlando-area partner in the company, said the idea of shorter, but challenging courses should appeal to real estate developers. A regular, 18-hole championship course of 6,800 to 7,200 yards usually requires at least 150 acres. A Classic Challenge course, the trademark name for the company's course designs, is about 5,600 yards from the back tees and 4,200 from the forward tees.

The company's first course will be at Royal Highlands, a retirement community being developed in Leesburgh by Pringle Development Co.

Clemson course already sold out

CLEMSON, S.C. — Build it and they will buy memberships.

That's the case these days at Clemson University, where school officials said all 450 memberships for the new on-campus golf course have been sold, even though the course and adjacent conference center on Lake Hartwell won't open until October.

The memberships brought in about \$675,000 and will help pay for construction of the \$3.8 million Walker Golf Course. The championship-level course is scheduled to open Oct. 1, along with the 54,000 square-foot Madren Continuing Education and Conference Center south of the main campus.

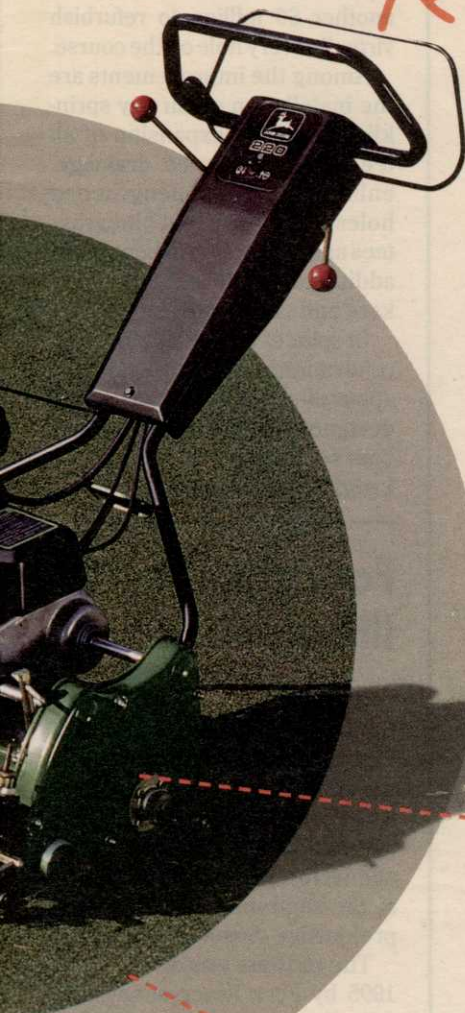
Construction of the golf course is complete and officials are now waiting for the course's Bermuda grass to grow in.

BLYTHE SEEKS TO DOMINATE CHARLOTTE GOLF MARKET

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Blythe, Blythe & Currie, developer of Charlotte Golf Links in south Charlotte, is readying to build another course in the University City area. The course will be the third step in the company's long-range plan to be a dominant owner and operator of public golf courses in Charlotte. A second Blythe course, The Divide, is underway in East Charlotte. Ultimately, the company plans to have five golf courses circling Interstate 485.

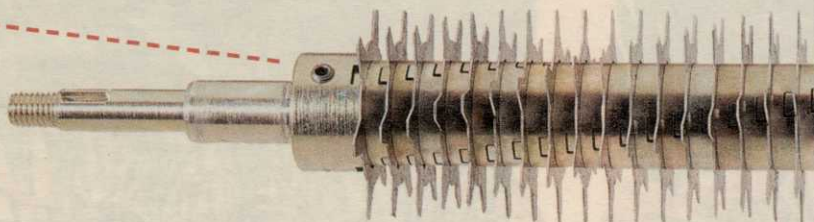
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