

## Construction set to start on Lake Mich. layout

SHEBOYGAN, Wis. — Keep an eye and ear out for Whistling Straits in the years ahead.

Whistling Straits is a proposed golf course on the shores of Lake Michigan. Bulldozers are just starting to work on the site.

The land is owned by the Kohler Co. and chairman of the board and president Herbert V. Kohler Jr. is a golf fanatic. Kohler has already developed one outstanding golf facility, the 36-hole Blackwolf Run.

Kohler has hired golf course architect Pete Dye to transform the 560 acres of lakefront property just north of Sheboygan. The site, on

the abandoned Camp Haven military base, is essentially a two-mile ribbon on bluffs overlooking Lake Michigan.

John Green, the Kohler Co.'s landscape director, told the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* recently, "His goal is for Whistling Straits to be right up there with Pine Valley. I don't know if he'd say that but that's what he's charged us with."

Whistling Straits is tentatively planned as a links-style layout, with 14 holes routed along the edge of the bluffs. It will also be a walkers-only course and green fees are expected to be at least \$100. The course is scheduled to open in June 1997.

## Chattanooga will add two courses

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — The number of golf courses in the Chattanooga area will jump by two in the coming months.

Eagle Bluff, which began as River Run and is undergoing extensive redesign work, will open Sept. 15 if all goes as planned.

Little Creek, an 18-hole course being built just across the state line in Ringgold, Ga., will open in early 1996.

Eagle Bluff, which will be semi-private, has risen from the ashes of the former River Run, which had 10 holes open with routing for the other

eight, but fell apart after builder Don Williams went bankrupt.

HMS Golf Management, which manages several courses in Georgia and South Carolina, stepped in and architect Bill Bergin has rebuilt the tees and greens, rerouted some holes and finished the remaining eight.

Long-time golf course owner Red Fisher, 71, is helping oversee construction of Little Creek, which was designed by Don Brooks of Concord. Fisher says Little Creek will have summer and winter greens.

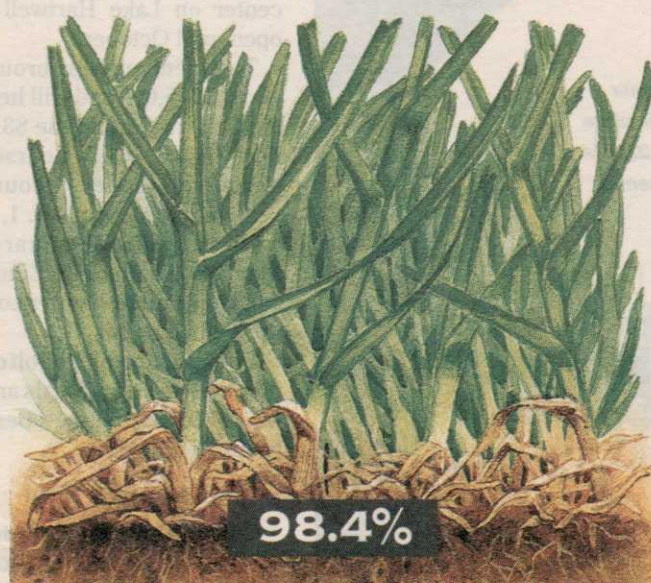
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## Park salvages Chicago track

CHICAGO — The 27-hole Golden Acres Golf Course has been rescued by the Schaumburg Park District.

The park district bought the course on 200-plus acres for \$15.5 million in 1989. Since then, it has spent \$5 million to build a 46,000-square-foot clubhouse facility and another \$6 million to refurbish virtually every hole on the course.

Among the improvements are the installation of fairway sprinkling systems, expansion of all tee boxes, improved drainage, enlarged greens, lengthened holes, replacement of bluegrass tees and fairways with bentgrass, additional ponds and more bunkers and sand traps.

In spite of all the changes and renovations, the course remains about 90 percent the way it was designed in the 1920s by golf course architects William B. Langford and Theodore Moreau.

## Fore signs on 21 Illinois facilities

CHICAGO — Fore Reservations recently announced that 21 Chicago area and southern Illinois golf courses have installed a new golf course software package that allows golf course personnel to schedule tee times and at the same time create a comprehensive customer database.

The software was developed in 1995 by Fore Reservations, Inc. following research that revealed 95 percent of golf courses throughout the country have no way of identifying their golfing customers.

The software allows a golf course to track the playing history of customers, no-shows and weather-related cancellations at its facilities.

### CORRECTION

Because of a reporting error, there was a mistake in the June news brief detailing the availability of the 1995 Illinois Urban Pest Management Handbook. The handbook is \$10 and can be obtained by calling 217-333-2007.

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