

Massachusetts course runs into opposition

RICHMOND, Mass. — A proposed nine-hole golf club off Swamp Road in a rural area of town has run into a pile of opposition.

Developers James Basiliere and Laurence Davis want to build the Yokun Seat Golf Club on 72 acres of residentially-zoned property. The developers can build a golf course with a special permit. But they also want to change the zoning bylaws so that they can build a restaurant and banquet facility in addition to the golf course.

Neighbors and town officials are now con-

cerned about how a restaurant and banquet facility would increase traffic and generate loud music and noise. They also fear a liquor license there would create problems in a town with no police force.

There are also concerns about the proposed use of water and what effect pesticides, herbicides and fertilizer would have on nearby Richmond Pond. A local girls' camp spokeswoman also said that new developments like a golf course would disrupt that area's rural, natural character.

Maine town tries to unload links

BATH, Maine — The cozy Bath Country Club in the rolling coastal inlands of Midcoast Maine is up for sale.

The former 9-hole course was expanded to a full 18-hole layout, which opened in 1994. Now the town council — which loaned \$1.3 million to the club for the expansion and recently took over full ownership after failed interest payments by the club — has signed a contract with Golf Realty Advisors to try to sell the club nationally for \$1.6 million.

The Massachusetts-based marketing firm is scheduled to receive a 6-percent commission, or \$96,000, for the sale of the club if the asking price is met. Rowland Bates is marketing the club for the city, which hopes to have adequate offers by mid-March.

Meanwhile, the city is also looking for someone to manage the course before it is sold. Bates, who was also hired to find a manager, is expected to be hired to serve as interim manager.

New S.D. track finally named

VERMILLION, S.D. — Vermillion's new 18-hole golf course and 120-unit housing development finally have a name: The Bluffs.

The city council chose the name recently from among 50 entries in a contest that offered a \$50 savings bond as first prize.

Three people actually submitted "The Bluffs," but only two people signed their names: Bo Nelson and Marsha Bruning. The two city residents will share the first prize, according to City Manager Jeff Pederson.

The city will now develop a marketing plan and logo and is apparently considering the motto, "the height of living," as a theme.

Golden State projects delayed

MOORPARK, Calif. — Two proposed 18-hole golf courses at Happy Camp Regional Park are on hold indefinitely.

Developer Ralph Mahan is hoping to build the courses at the county-owned park. Mahan wants to enter a lease agreement with the county allowing him to raise the money to build the courses, which county officials estimate could generate between \$250,000 and \$500,000 annually.

Moorpark officials are concerned the golf courses could generate too much traffic.

Wash. track set to get state nod

SEQUIM, Wash. — The Tubal Cain executive nine-hole course and instructional facility has cleared some major hurdles.

Clallam County Habitat Specialist Joel Freudenthal says most of the difficulties encountered by the Tubal Cain Investment Corp. centered on wetlands issues but those are almost resolved. The layout, designed by Hank Hopkins of Pacific Golf Development, now avoids wetlands and buffer zones.



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