

Opponents try to nix Tenn. course funding

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — A group of concerned citizens is trying to legally block city officials in Oak Ridge from selling capital outlay notes to finance a \$5.5 million golf course/residential development.

Seven Oak Ridge citizens have filed a legal brief with the Tennessee Court of Appeals asking the court to reverse a lower court decision against them. The citizens claim the city's plan to finance the public golf course with \$6.2 million in capital outlay notes violates a section of the Tennessee Constitution. They say selling notes to further the city's obligations under the Master Development Agreement with Cowperwood Co. "constitutes a lending of credit or in aid of a private corporation."

The citizens first sued the city on April 6, 1994, the day before the city was scheduled to sell the notes to finance the \$5.5 million golf course. The citizens maintain the city must hold a referendum on the note sale, an idea which the City Council defeated in a 4-3 vote in March.

Vandals cause \$10,000 damage to Ga. golf facility

WOODSTOCK, Ga. — Seven juveniles caused so much damage to an 18-hole golf course under construction in Towne Lake that investigators called in a helicopter to photograph it all.

Cherokee County Sheriff's deputies arrested four boys and three girls - all 15 and 16 years old - after getting a call from the grounds crew chief at the new Towne Lake Hills West course.

Damage was estimated at \$10,000. The damage included greens gouged with symbols, names and profanity and what one deputy called "satanic symbols." The youths also drove a pick-up truck onto the course.

The seven youths were charged with criminal damage to property and truancy.

AGC HAS \$250,000 IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR GEORGIA LINKS

AUGUSTA, Ga. — The Goshen Plantation Golf Club has been bought by American Golf Corp. Santa Monica, Calif.-based American Golf declined to disclose the purchase price but said it plans to make more than \$250,000 in improvements at the course within a year. AGC is Goshen's fifth owner. Improvements planned for the course include complete renovation of the course's irrigation system, an upgrade of the clubhouse and driving range, new golf carts, design and construction of a new club entryway and upgrading of the parking lot. The course will remain semi-private.

The city claims public financing of the golf course does not constitute the lending of the city's credit to Cowperwood, a position which was upheld by a lower court in April.

The golf course is the centerpiece of a complex series of agreements between the city and Cowperwood concerning the development of the 541-acre, city-owned property. The agreement also involves expanded golf facilities and development of up to 1,300 residential units on the site.

US Homes to complete S'West Fla. layout

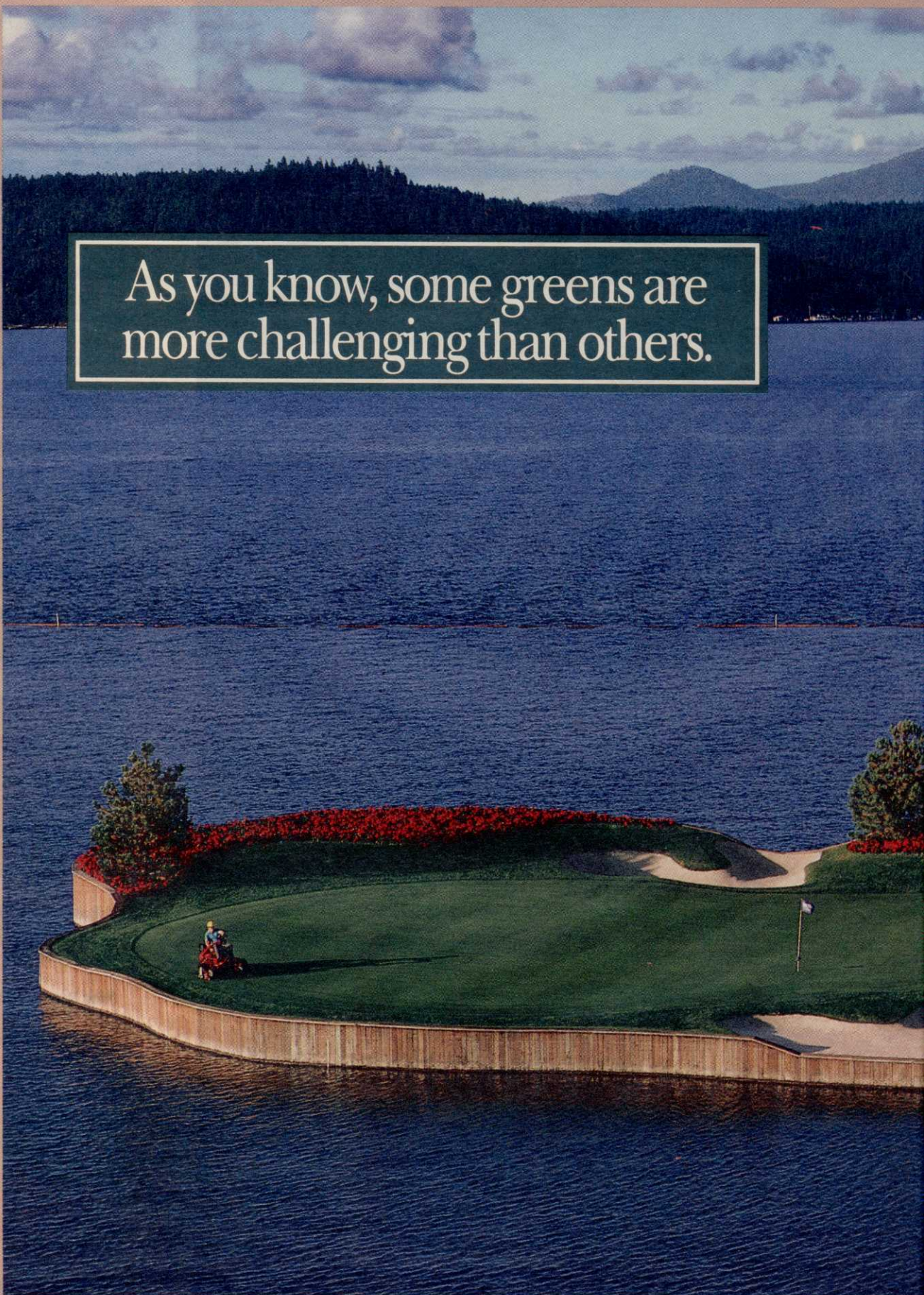
LEE COUNTY, Fla. — With U.S. Home's nurturing, the once-troubled Villages at Country Creek on Corkscrew Road in south Lee County is now blooming.

Earlier in 1994, U.S. Home, the nation's fifth largest builder, agreed to develop the failed 283-acre golf course community north of Bonita Springs from a subsidiary of General Electric Capital Corp. Since then, U.S. Home has spent \$3 million upgrading and beautifying the property, according to Tony Persichelli, division vice president of U.S. Home.

The community originally was started by a

Northern developer who was unable to complete the project for lack of money and local interest. Other communities U.S. Home has developed in Lee County include Kelly Greens, Whiskey Creek, Brookshire and Cross Creek.

U.S. Home has sunk a little more than \$2 million into renovations at the 18-hole golf course and lake. A 12,500-square-foot clubhouse has also been refurbished and redecorated. As of February 1994, about 274 residents were living in the Villages. U.S. Home's goal is to have about 700 more residents move in over the next four years.



As you know, some greens are more challenging than others.