

Voters to reconsider upgrade of Mass. layout

DUXBURY, Mass. — Town officials are seeking citizen approval for a \$1.5 million project to add nine holes and make improvements to the already existing North Hill golf course.

The proposal, which is scheduled to go before voters at a town meeting in March, is scaled down from the plan residents rejected last year.

The original proposal called for a \$3 million project that included a completely redesigned 18-hole golf course with a new entrance. The new version calls for spending about \$1.5 million to add nine new holes, improve the existing nine, build a clubhouse, add an additional en-

trance off Route 3A and possibly adding a driving range. The plan calls for doubling the amount of town-owned land dedicated to golf from 75 to 150 of North Hill's 337 acres.

Under the terms of a management agreement, the course provides the town with about \$60,000 in annual income. Expanding the course to 18 holes could more than double the amount, according to Selectman Friend Weiler.

The new plan calls for siting the new nine southeast of the existing course, which would not infringe on the possible habitat of an endangered species of turtle.

Maine track to expand to 18 holes

SCARBOROUGH, Maine — A 6,500-yard, par-71 public golf course geared to the "average golfer" has been proposed on a 300-acre site adjacent to the Maine Turnpike, near a major shopping area here on the outskirts of Portland, the state's largest city.

Daniel Hourihan, executive vice president of First Atlantic Corp., and his partner, Ron Coffin, plan to build the course — to be called the Atlantic Golf Club — on a site that now accommo-

dates a small, 9-hole golf course. The golf club will feature a 300-yard long, 150-yard wide driving range in the middle of the course.

Hourihan says the proposed \$2.5 million project will be set up with relatively generous fairways and gently sloped greens to promote faster play and fewer lost balls. Hourihan has hired Craig "Rip" Jones, a Falmouth-based consultant and former executive vice-president for Gary Player Co., to design the course.

Conn. muni faces local tax dilemma

FAIRFIELD, Conn. — Bridgeport officials have been warned that if they hire a private management firm to run a new 36-hole complex they could face higher taxes.

Course officials are reviewing three proposals submitted to manage city-owned Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course. Selectman Paul Audley said hiring a private management firm would change the complex's tax status and subject it to new taxes.

Audley said the facility has the option of applying for "open space" classification, which would result in \$43,500 in taxes. The standard rate would result in \$195,000 in taxes. Bridgeport officials believe the management contract could save \$600,000 in annual maintenance.

Scarsdale considers new driving range

SCARSDALE, N.Y. — County officials are weighing the impact of a proposed \$4 million aquatic recreation area and lighted year-round driving range at Saxon Woods Golf Course.

The county has proposed a 72-stall facility built and run by a private company at no cost to the county. The range and park would be located in a 700-acre park straddling several communities.

Many golfers have welcomed the idea, but some neighbors have objected to it, particularly the proposed night lighting.

VOTERS REJECTION OF CASINO GAMBLING KILLS R.I. COURSE PLAN

COVENTRY, R.I. — Voters' rejection of casino gambling here nixed plans to convert a 200-acre sand and gravel pit into a \$200 million gaming area and golf course. Nicholas E. Cambio, who faces criminal charges stemming from the widespread New England banking collapse, had said he and his partners would like to sell the pit to a casino and resort developer. The site is near the proposed Narragansett Indian casino in West Greenwich.

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