

## City manager shows up police on NY golf course

TROY, N.Y. — Sand traps get built for all kinds of personal reasons, even political mudfights.

City Manager David Grandeau took his wage dispute with the Troy's local police union to the city golf links with a stunt that one City Council member called "so bizarre it defies description."

Grandeau ordered a city work crew to dig four small sand traps at the 7th hole at Frear Park Golf Course. He then spent \$5 of his own money for a sign that reads, "Dedicated to

Jack Rogers and the TPBA to honor their greed. 4 percent."

The sign was pounded into the turf next to the traps. Rogers is the president of the Police Benevolent and Protective Association, which has been deadlocked with the city for months over a city request that the union sacrifice this year's 4 percent pay raise.

Each trap represents one percentage point, according to Grandeau, who calls them "Rogers bunkers." Rogers is reportedly considering a lawsuit.

## N.H. layout expands to 36 holes

KEENE, N.H. — Bretwood Golf Course is now as large as any golf course facility in New Hampshire.

The city planning board recently approved the opening of six new holes on about 45 acres to give the public course a total of 36 holes. The only other 36-hole facility in N.H. is Green Meadow in Hudson.

Bretwood owner Aubrey "Toby" Barrett has been planning the new holes — which were built on the site of a former sod

farm — for years, but he was held up by city officials' concerns that they would be built too close to wells located off upper Court Street.

The wells provide 2.6 million gallons of water per day for homes and businesses — about half the city's water supply. An ordinance passed earlier in the year allows the expansion, as long as course maintenance staff doesn't apply pesticides or other chemicals within 400 feet of the wells.

## Conn. courses hole out profits

NORWALK, Conn. — Advertising has sunk to new depths at some 35 golf courses around Connecticut: the bottom of the cups on every green.

Forefront Marketing Co. of Rocky Hill launched the idea, under which it sells the advertising for the cups, provides the cups, and then gives 20 percent of the proceeds to the owner.

Under a proposal to the Norwalk, Forefront estimated selling \$10,000 worth of national and local advertising per year which would mean \$2,000 annually for the city.

Among the proposed slogans golfers could see as they retrieved their ball: "A Bank Without the Traps — Citibank," "Watch Your Speed of Play — Rolex."

## Ohio course owner indicted

DELAWARE, Ohio — Thornton Nichols, owner of the Oakhaven Golf complex, has been indicted for grand theft by a Delaware County grand jury.

Delaware County Prosecutor W. Duncan Whitney said Nichols accepted a \$75,000 payment from a German man for walnut lumber that was never delivered.

Nichols operated a timber-trading business when he built Oakhaven, a complex on U.S. 23N with a driving range, clubhouse and nine-hole golf course. The charge is a third-degree felony that carries up to two years in prison.

## OTTER CREEK OPENS NEW NINE

COLUMBUS, Ind. — Otter Creek Golf Course, a perennially top-ranked public course, recently opened a new nine designed by Rees Jones. Jones's father, Robert Trent Jones Sr., designed the original 18 in the early 1960s. Otter Creek now has 27 holes. The new Rees Jones-designed nine is expected to eventually replace the current back nine in Otter Creek's championship 18.



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