



## Planter prefers golf to subdivision

ACKERMANVILLE, Pa. — Leon Brodt, a 63-year-old farmer, is building his own golf course on his former 150-acre farm here. Brodt is about 75 percent finished with the nine-hole Waltz Creek Golf Course. He is corporate partners with Championship Golf Course Services from Clarks Summit in Lackawanna County, which has handled the major construction.

Brodt seeded the fairways last year and the beginnings of the greens have drawn the interest of local golfers.

Brodt said he wanted to preserve the open space and still be able to draw income from it without having to subdivide for buildings. He left the contours of the land much as they were during his farming years.

Brodt isn't planning to build any kind of clubhouse but will build a small pro shop. He said he would also like to expand the course to 18 holes someday. Part of the course Brodt is building rests on the old Ackermanville Golf Course that closed about 15 years ago.

## Coast Guard opens track to civilians

NEW YORK — The cash-strapped Coast Guard has opened its exclusive nine-hole golf course on Governors Island to civilians.

For the first time ever, the Coast Guard is offering limited corporate and individual memberships to outsiders because staff and budget cutbacks have threatened the future of the nine-hole, 3,803-yard course.

Five corporate slots at

\$5,000 apiece and 20 individual memberships at \$650 each were made available.

The course — with views to the World Trade Center, the Brooklyn Bridge and lower Manhattan — has double tees on each hole. Several fairways wrap around star-shaped Fort Jay, built in 1798.

The fort is encircled by a two-tiered, 30-foot-deep moat — a unique hazard.

## NYC suit fails to halt project, but city appeals

SOMERS, N.Y. — A federal judge recently dismissed a lawsuit pitting New York City against developers of a golf course here, ruling the city had failed to prove the course would harm the Amawalk and Muscoot reservoirs.

Earlier, the judge also lifted an order that had temporarily blocked construction of the 18-hole Robert Trent Jones-designed Anglebrook Golf Course.

The city of New York had argued the golf course, planned by Kajima International Inc. and Mitsui Fudosan Inc., would pollute the city's drinking water. U.S. District Judge Barrington D. Parker Jr. sided with developers, who argued that their storm-water pollution-prevention plan was more than adequate.

The city has said it will appeal Judge Parker's decision.

### CASINO TO SUPPLANT COURSE?

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — The New Bedford Municipal Golf Course may soon be turned into tribal land for the Wampanoag tribe of Martha's Vineyard. The tribe wants the land in part to develop a gambling and entertainment complex. If the federal government declares the site as tribal land it would not be subject to state laws, which forbid casino gambling. The tribe recently sent a 200-page application to the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs which will review the case and eventually deliver a decision. New Bedford officials are reportedly eager to transfer the land to the tribe, which has promised to share the proceeds of its proposed gambling complex with state and county.

### CORRECTIONS

Because of misinformation supplied to *Golf Course News*, there was an error in April's Maintenance section on page 15. Charles Hugar Cadiz, honored by the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council, had worked at Valley Green Golf Course in Etners, Pa.

Because of a reporting error, several mistakes appeared in a story on page 25 under the headline, "USGA publishes research findings for the industry." The 20-page technical summary entitled, "Golf and The Environment," is \$3 plus shipping and handling. The second booklet, "Golf Courses Benefit People and Wildlife," is free. To order, contact the USGA Orders Department at 908-234-2300.

Because of an editing error, the fax number for RISE (Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment) was published incorrectly in Hal Phillips' April column. The correct fax number is 202-463-0474.



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