

N.J. county seeks third track

TOMS RIVER, N.J. — A long-vacant, 413-acre tract known as Beachwood West may become a county-owned golf course — if the price is right.

The Ocean County Board of Freeholders is studying the idea of whether it would be financially feasible to buy the land from Beachwood and whether development could be accomplished without using tax-payer funds.

There are currently two county-run courses in the area. The board feels a third could

help attract more senior citizens, who would in turn solidify the county's tax base. The county has \$3 million in surplus that could be used for a land purchase.

Beachwood spent \$975,000 in the mid-1980s to buy 413 acres in the western portion of the township hoping to sell it to a developer for a senior citizen community. A poor real estate market, combined with pinelands and wetlands regulations, put a stop to that project.

Greenbrier super wins prestigious Scotts Co. award

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va. — Veteran golf course superintendent Bob Mitchell of the The Greenbrier resort is the winner of the 1995 Tradition of Excellence award sponsored by the Scotts Company.

Mitchell was chosen from a group of 29 nominees for the second annual award, which he will receive at The Tradition tournament in Scottsdale, Ariz., one of the PGA Senior Tour's major tournaments scheduled for March 27-31. His award was also announced at the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) convention in San Francisco in late February.



Bob Mitchell

Scotts developed The Tradition of Excellence Award last year in conjunction with its new sponsorship of The Tradition tournament. The award recognizes outstanding achievements among superintendents in advancing the science of course maintenance. Last year's inaugural award went to the GCSAA.

Mitchell is a former president of the GCSAA (1972) and 40-year member of the organization.

Greenbrier, where Mitchell has worked since 1973, has been one of the country's original premier golfing resorts since 1915 when Charles Blair Macdonald and Seth Raynor teamed up to design the Old White Course. Alex Findlay designed the original Lakeside Course which no longer exists. George O'Neil designed the Greenbrier Course in 1925 and Dick Wilson the Greenbrier's new Lakeside course in 1962, which Jack Nicklaus partially remodeled.

On top of supervising maintenance of the Greenbrier's three 18-hole golf courses, Mitchell is also responsible for maintenance of the rest of the resort grounds — a total of 6,500 acres that includes parks and gardens.

Controversy surrounds Mount Rainier proposal

ELBE, Wash. — Golf on Mount Rainier? Well. Maybe.

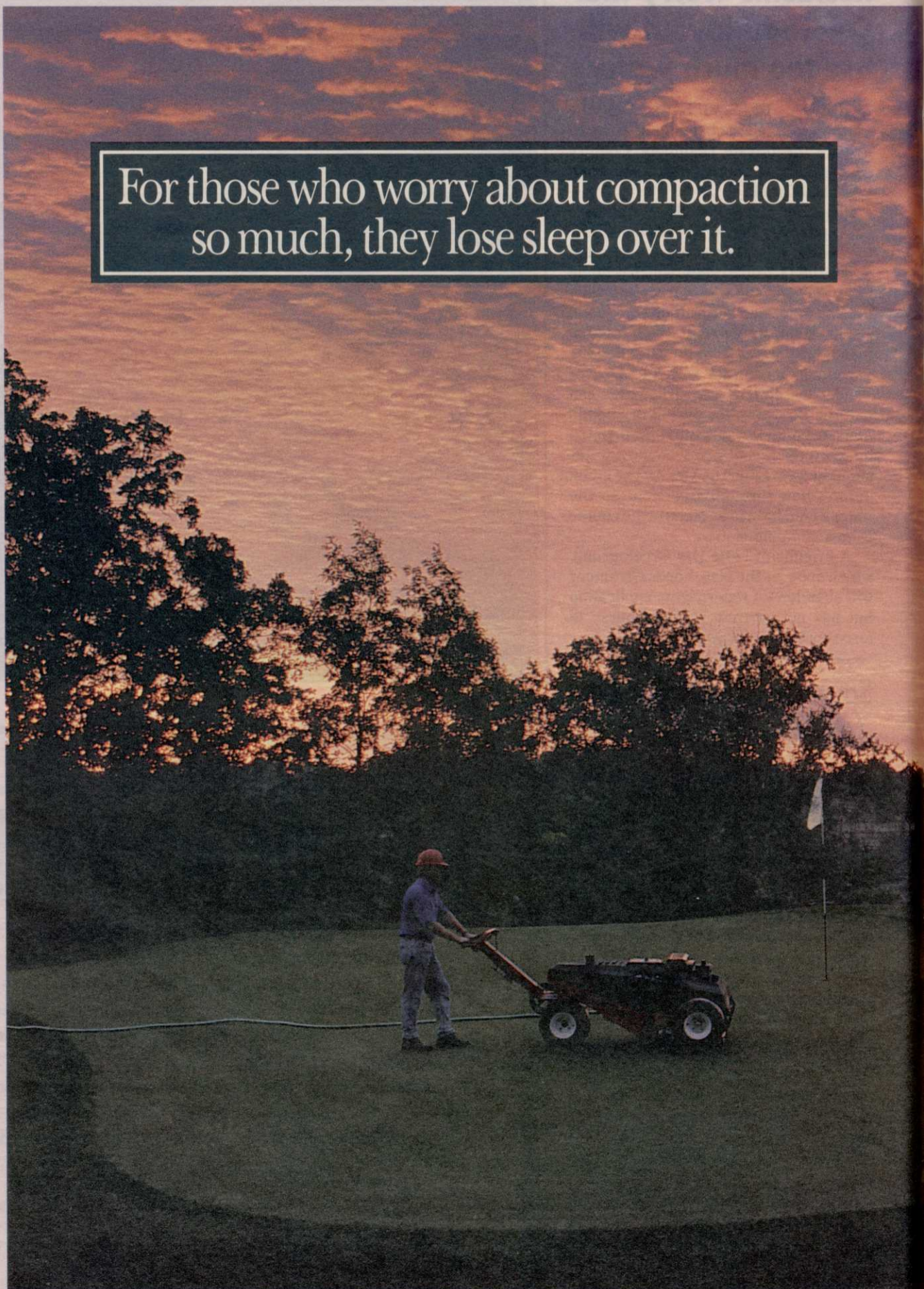
A \$30-million proposal for a Mount Rainier Resort at Park Junction includes an 18-hole course surrounded by 400 homes. The proposal — which calls for previously unheard of levels of development on the flanks of the Northwest's best-known landmark — has already generated plenty of debate.

The resort's developers, a Portland, Ore., contractor and the Elbe family, envision a 400-acre destination resort that would include a golf course, two hotels with a total of 450

rooms, small shopping center, 100 cabins, 300-unit recreational-vehicle park, 200 units of employee housing, a timber industry educational center and a train station to service scenic and passenger trains. The resort would be located 12 miles from Mount Rainier's Nisqually entrance.

Critics believe the proposal would devastate the national park and generate more visitors to an area already overburdened with traffic. The resort will first have to overcome planning and zoning obstacles and a series of environmental tests.

For those who worry about compaction so much, they lose sleep over it.



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