

Multiple driving ranges planned for Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE — The home of the Brewers may soon be known as the home of the indoor driving range.

Developer Michael Brielmaier is building a \$2 million, 45,000-square-foot indoor complex called Fore Seasons on the city's Northwest Side and has proposed building several others.

The first complex, expected to open in mid-August, will have a domed double-deck tee area to accommodate 38 golfers with a hitting distance of 75 yards from the tees to a net. At its highest point, the dome will be 65 feet

above the ground. Fore Seasons will also have a 20-acre outdoor driving range with 50 tees and target greens and a short-game practice area for chipping and putting with sand traps.

The facility will also have a miniature golf course, restaurant, pro shop, offices, outdoor volleyball courts and baseball batting cages.

Brielmaier has submitted a bid to the Milwaukee County Parks Department to build golf domes in Greenfield Park, Grant Park and Oakwood Park. The proposal will be reviewed by county officials.

Dye to remake Purdue layouts

LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Golf course architect Pete Dye will return to the Purdue University campus where he took classes in the 1950s: this time to renovate and redesign the university's two golf courses.

Dye will redesign the North Course and improve the South Course as part of a \$5.5 to \$6.5 million project that includes plans for a modern sprinkler system, new shelter facility and a turfgrass research area.

Work on the North Course is

scheduled to begin in the fall of 1996 concurrent with the start of a state and city construction project that will widen a road running through the golf course from two lanes to four. The widening of the road will claim land that includes parts of several holes. All play will be moved to the South Course during construction.

The plan calls for a 7,300-yard, 18-hole course with several water holes that could be ready for play by the spring of 1998.

Golf part of Louisiana theme park proposal

SLIDELL, La. — At least one course and possibly more are part of a proposal for a Six Flags-type theme park on 3,000 acres of land known as Oak Harbor East across Lake Pontchartrain from New Orleans.

Three investors led by Dennis Neyland, a Slidell resident, have made a \$5 million bid for the land and want to develop the golf courses, theme park and commercial and residential space.

Neyland said they see Oak Harbor East as one of the hottest pieces of property in the Southeast. Neyland said he would like at least one of the proposed courses to be open to the public.

East St. Louis gets new track

CAHOKIA, Ill. — After years of debating the need for a golf course, the first dirt has been turned for a \$5 million 18-hole public layout that village officials hope will be the leading force in an economic revival in an area just south of East St. Louis.

Fairway Golf Corp is the developer of the course, which has been designed by Dick Gundlach and Don Ferris. EWR Associates is the course architect. The 6,600-yard track is being built on unused land at Cahokia Park.

New nine ready at Ark. facility

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Burns Park now has two, 18-hole golf courses. A new nine-hole layout, under construction for 2-1/2 years, has been added to the existing short nine to create a par-71, 6,300-yard layout.

Burns Park pro Steve Ralston opened the new holes for about a month in late 1994. This spring, builders will finish sodding and installing cart paths. The new nine cost about \$200,000 and was funded by the city of North Little Rock and the Burns Park men's golf association.

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