

## Salem opens to Mass. golfers

PEABODY, Mass. — Residents and city employees here recently got the chance to play a round at the private Salem Country Club (CC), a Donald Ross-designed course consistently rated one of the best courses in New England.

Two notable anniversaries created the opportunity. Salem CC, which is located in Peabody, is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. It

is also the 200th anniversary of the birth of George Peabody, the city's namesake.

Club officials approached Mayor Peter Torigian with the idea of opening the course for a day. The first Peabody Golf Day was born. The event was expected to raise about \$15,000 for a city scholarship fund.

The club offered 260 rounds at \$50 each, which cart, lunch and bag tag souvenir.

## Trump hopes to build Atlantic City course

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — A showdown between New York area real-estate developer Donald Trump and Las Vegas casino mogul Steve Wynn over a parcel of undeveloped land could ultimately lead to a new golf course project here.

Trump and officials at Harrah's Casino Hotel in Atlantic City have made a joint proposal to establish a \$25 million golf course on what is commonly known as the "H" tract, a weedy, 178-acre plot which was once a

landfill near the city's main casinos, including one owned by Trump.

Meanwhile, Steve Wynn, creator of mega-sized fantasyland casinos in Las Vegas like the Mirage and Treasure Island, has teamed with Circus Circus Enterprises Inc. with a grandiose \$1 billion casino-hotel-entertainment complex plan for the site that would dwarf every other casino in New Jersey.

Wynn's vision calls for two 31-story hotels, two or three the-

aters with live nightly entertainment, restaurants and ballrooms. A tram would shuttle visitors from a parking garage to the hotels and there would be pond-sized outdoor fountains and a pedestrian area dotted with banana trees and palms, covered with Plexiglas.

A nine-member committee of Atlantic City councilors and other city officials formed in April will review the two proposals. The decision to award the tract will be a winner-take-all proposition.

## Public-access course opens in northeast Ohio

NEW PHILADELPHIA, Ohio — The Dover/New Philadelphia area in northeast Ohio just got its first new public links since 1960 with the opening of Oak Shadows Golf Course.

The front nine of the par-72 course opened in late July and the GAC Corp. that developed the course expects to open the back nine in early September. A grand opening is scheduled for late fall or spring 1996.

GAC Corp. was formed by a group of area business and professional people. There are 14 investors, 13 of whom live in the area.

The course, which ranges from 5,207 to 7,015 yards, was designed by John Robinson of Huntsville, Ontario. Robinson's portfolio is primarily filled with courses in Canada, but he designed the private Union County Club's course in Dover in 1969. Craig McConnell is the course manager and golf professional. Steve Honeycutt is the course superintendent. Both McConnell and Honeycutt had previously worked at Union for many years.

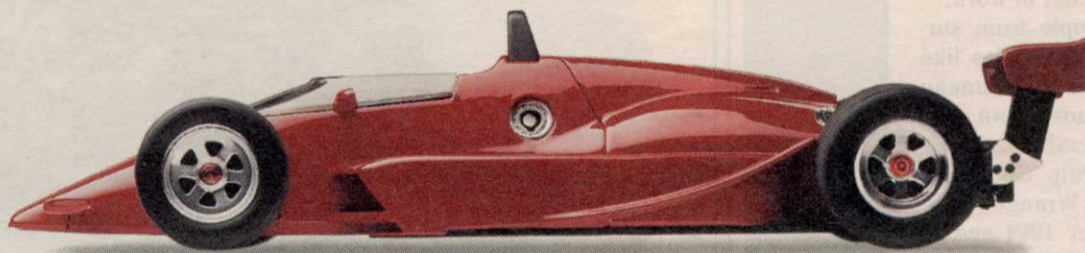
Oak Shadows is the first public course to open in the area since Hidden Valley (now known as Green Valley) in 1960. Oak Shadows has a 2,100-square-foot, air-conditioned modular clubhouse, pro shop, snack bar, and driving range.

### VANDALS STRIKE AGAIN AT ALBUQUERQUE COURSES

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Vandals have been wreaking havoc at the city's four public golf courses this summer. The latest incident saw a group of 4-foot high letters carved into a 10-by-12-foot area of the No. 6 green at the Arroyo del Oso golf course. The hole was closed for eight hours to make repairs. Damage was estimated at \$2,000. Because of the increased vandalism, the parks department recently installed metal bars over the windows and doors at the pro shop. Mayor Martin Chavez has also asked the parks department and the police to start patrolling the golf courses regularly at night.



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