

Casino/resort to include 9-holer

LAPUSH, Wash. — Add Washington to the growing list of states featuring casino-related golf developments.

A Native American company called Bear Paw Resorts is developing a \$10 million coastal resort here in the remote, upper northwest region of the state. The current plans call for a 9-hole golf course.

Project architect Jim Williams is designing James Island Resort for the Sumner, Wash.-based Bear Paw, which will own and operate the development.

The Quileute tribe contacted Bear Paw about developing a resort on 30 acres directly south of La Push. Recently, the tribe agreed to lease additional space to Bear Paw for a golf course.

Beyond the nine-hole golf course, the planned resort will include 150 guest rooms, convention facilities for 500 people, a casino, bingo parlor, and indoor pool and exercise equipment, two oceanfront restaurants, professional and amateur boxing sites, a Kids World recreational facility and retail shops.

Grand Traverse lands Player, Trevino

ACME, Mich. — Lee Trevino and Gary Player will each design 18-hole tracks at Grand Traverse Resort to join Jack Nicklaus in forming an imposing threesome of architects.

Trevino and Player will design courses to go along with The Bear, a Nicklaus design that has been one of the state's most popular since it opened in 1985. Grand Traverse would be the only golf site in the world with courses by the trio of golf

legends, officials said. Resort officials indicated last summer they planned to sign "name" designers because the relationship with Nicklaus had been so beneficial in terms of public relations.

Construction of the Player course, his first in Michigan, is expected to start in late 1996 or early 1997 with completion set for 1998. A time frame for the Trevino course has yet to be determined.

Struck golfer brings suit in Michigan

CASEVILLE, Mich. — A golfer who was struck in the head by an errant golf ball and subsequently lost an eye is suing the course's owner and the golfer who hit the ball.

John U. Watzke, 76, of nearby Cass City, absorbed a shot fired by James Mulligan from the 7th tee at Hidden Harbor Golf Course. Watzke was hit as he stood with his playing partners — two retired attorneys — on the 4th green at the course in Huron County's Caseville Township. Doctors had to remove Watzke's left eyeball after the incident.

Watzke has sued the course's owners and Mulligan, seeking a minimum of \$10,000 in damages. Watzke's suit alleges he lost his eye because of Mulligan's poor shot and because of the poor design of the golf course. The suit names the course's owner and two golf course architects and their wives, charging that they failed to design the course in a manner to avoid or minimize the risk of a golfer being struck by a golf ball.

Attorneys for the golf course owners and the architects have denied Watzke's allegations. They have said Watzke knew of the risks involved in playing golf before he came onto the premises and that he failed to make reasonable observations of the potential dangers of the situation.

Watzke's attorneys have said that Watzke received no warning before Mulligan's shot struck him. They also said protective netting at the course could have prevented such accidents from happening.

'Timberstone' should open for play this year


IRON MOUNTAIN, Mich. — The owners of Pine Mountain Resort here have named their new 18-hole course Timberstone.

"The name of the new facility should be distinctive and have a strong relationship to the characteristics of the golf course," said golf course architect Jerry Matthews, who designed the course. Carved out of a mature pine and hardwood forest, the track features many stone-lined flowing creeks.

Stone has been used liberally to form the edges of lakes and ponds, retaining walls, tee banks and swales. Large stones and boulders have also been used to mark the perimeter of the golf course and will also be used as landscape features.

Limited play may start sometime during the late summer of 1996 with an official, full-blown opening in spring 1997.

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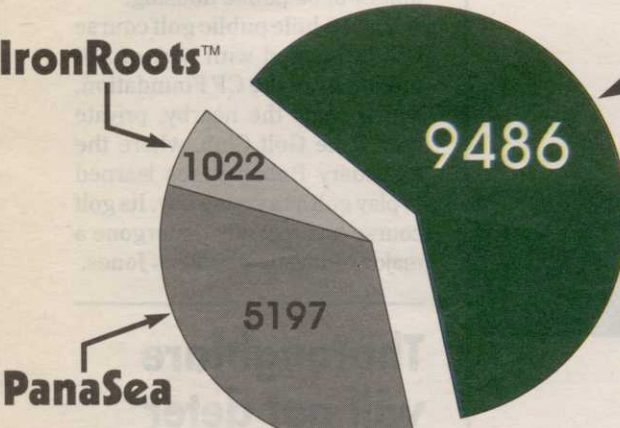
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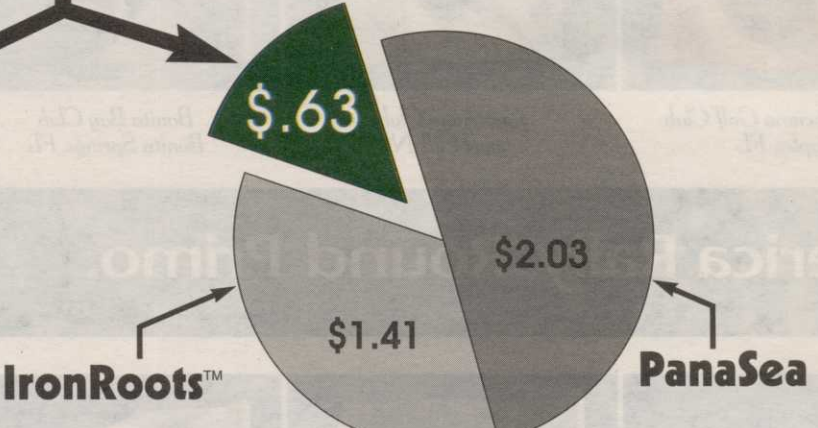
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