

## AGC eyes two Cleveland facilities

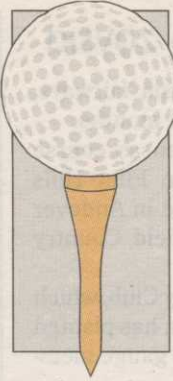
CLEVELAND — American Golf Corp. is seeking to take over the management of Cleveland's Highland Park and Seneca golf courses.

Under its recent bid, American Golf would pay the city \$380,000 a year to operate the two courses, but would keep any revenues beyond that amount. It would also guarantee to make \$635,000 in capital improvements to the courses during the first five years of the contract. Thereafter, AGC would guarantee that 1 percent of its gross revenues be used for improvements. Improvements could include upgrading fairways, adding trees and shrubs, and renovating clubhouses.

The American Golf proposal is for a 10-year contract, with one five-year option to extend. From 1991 to 1995, Highland Park and Seneca had net operating losses of

\$1.6 million.

American Golf's bid was part of an ongoing effort by the city to seek competitive bids for city services typically handled by city workers in labor unions. Cleveland Mayor Michael R. White has said the city's unionized workers could continue in their jobs if they match or beat the private bids. He also said they would be guaranteed other city jobs if they are displaced by private firms.



## Vandals' families held liable for damage

SCITUATE, Mass. — The families of two local teenagers will be asked to pay for damage the boys caused to the Widow's Walk golf course under construction here.

The teenagers, one of whom worked on the project as part of a community service sentence, rode a motorcycle across greens and fairways that were shaped and waiting to be seeded. The damage was estimated at \$2,600. The vandals, who also marred two tees and the perimeter of a pond, set the project back about half a day, according to Scituate

Town Administrator Richard Agnew, who oversees the project.

Agnew said the damage would have been far worse had the areas been seeded. Construction of the 18-hole Widow's Walk municipal course, designed by Michael Hurdzan, is scheduled for completion by December with a target opening date of July 1, 1997.

Project officials and the city have pledged to step up police patrol of the site, an area known as "the pit" that was a popular spot for off-road motorcycling and other activities.

## Name changes take effect in North Ohio

CLEVELAND — It's been through a name change, and two unusually wet seasons in a row, but Cleveland's newest public-access, 18-hole course is ready for play.

StoneWater Golf Club, an upscale daily-fee facility originally named Aberdeen, is expected to have all 18 holes ready for play this month. The front nine holes opened in August. The 178-acre course was designed by Michael Hurdzan and associate Dana Fry.

Hurdzan and Fry, who was the primary designer, created a traditional course that is championship caliber. Landscapes Unlimited has been building the course for the past two years. The par-72 layout measures 7,100 yards from the back tees and features 22 bridges to carry players across the course.

Thanks to shale banks discovered at the site, stacked rock walls play a prominent role on the course, including inside some of the bunkers. Water comes into play on 16 of the 18 holes in the form of lakes, ponds, wetlands and streams. The combination of water and stone spurred the name change.

StoneWater's superintendent is Mike Koeritzer, who came to the course from Five Farms at Baltimore Country Club. Craig Immel, StoneWater's co-founder, is director of golf.

### LINCOLN/BROOKS-BAINE TO MANAGE BATTLE CREEK

FT. WORTH, Texas—Lincoln/Brooks-Baine LLC., a partnership between Lincoln Property Co. and Brooks-Baine Golf which specializes in the management, development and design of golf properties nationwide, recently signed a five-year contract to manage Battle Creek Golf Club in Broken Arrow, Okla. The firm reports several new projects in the planning and development stage and expects to announce a new public golf course project in the Dallas-Ft. Worth metroplex in the near future. In other news, Lincoln/Brooks-Baine has announced the hiring of Doug Higgins as vice president of golf operations. Higgins, 42, has served as head golf professional at Hackberry Creek Country Club in Irving for the past three years.

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