

Alaskan course emerging from former cattle ranch on Glacier Bay

range, but players have to re-

trieve their own balls. DeBoer

hasn't had much time to play his

course yet. He's still busy work-

ing his father's tractor and put-

ting the finishing touches on a

course he says resembles the

more rugged, natural layouts on

the Scottish and English coasts.

GUSTAVUS, Alaska — The Mount Fairweather Golf Course sounds like the kind of place you should put on your lifetime golfing itinerary.

The nine-hole track is the first ever in Gustavus, a small town of 258 or so inhabitants on Glacier Bay in Tongass National Park. The course features Icy Strait as its most dominant water hazard and sits near the town dock with spectacular views of the Fairweather Range and Chilkat

For now, there's no clubhouse. But there is a shed full of free clubs and balls available for anyone wanting to play.

Morgan DeBoer, part of a longtime local farming family, is building the course on 120 acres of his parents' land that was originally a homestead where the DeBoer's raised cattle and grew hay. The DeBoers originally considered building housing on the property. But DeBoer said he wanted to build something that both local residents and tourists could enjoy. There are plans for a 2,500-square-foot clubhouse next year.

"Doing a course seemed like a good thing to do," he told the Juneau Empire. "It's so natural; it's almost like God designed it."

DeBoer planted ryegrass last spring for the fairways and Kentucky bluegrass for the greens and tee boxes. The course also has a 275-yard long driving

Course, namesake making progress

GREENVILLE, Mich. - After months of ups and downs, the Glenkerry Golf Course has opened nine holes to public play.

Due to heavy spring rains, the course had to be reseeded by coowners David and Kathey Klein of Rockford, and a mid-July start date was pushed back to the end of August. Glenkerry has a temporary clubhouse set up for fall play. A new clubhouse will be built over the winter. Warner Bowen designed an 18-hole course, but the second nine will be built at a later date.

Glenkerry is named after Kerry Klein, one of the Klein's six children. Kerry Klein is severely handicapped with Rett Syndrome. Kathey Klein said her daughter's life and the course have similarities.

"They've both had their hard times and some bumps along the way," she told the Greenville Daily News. "But Kerry has the most wonderful personality of anyone I know. I think the golf course has persevered as well."

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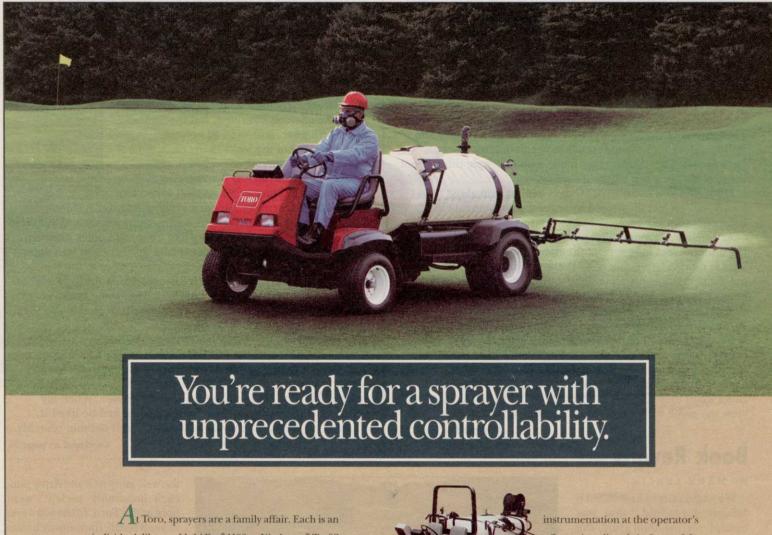
Calif. city prepared to purchase former military courses

SEASIDE, Calif. - Seaside city officials have reached a tentative agreement with the Army to buy the Bayonet and Black Horse golf courses at the former Fort Ord Army Base near the Monterey Peninsula.

The city won the right last February to exclusively negotiate with the Army to purchase the courses and the surrounding residential property at fair market value through legisla-

tion in Congress. In the end, the deal involved only the courses.

The city's negotiating team included representatives of BSL Golf of Houston, selected in late June to become a partner with the city in obtaining and operating the courses. It's expected the total purchase price for the two could be in the vicinity of \$10 million. The city was expected to take possession of the courses by fall.



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