



Floods push back Quad City opening

EAST MOLINE, Iowa — The opening of the new nine-hole, Red Dog Run golf course in the Quad Cities area has been set back due to flooding caused by a creek that winds through the course.

Red Dog Run was designed, built and owned by Gary Lockie, a PGA club professional. The 3,200-yard course's name is a reference to a common nickname of the red-headed Lockie, not the beer.

Lockie, who has worked on design and course construction for other clients over the years, was all set to open the course in early June until the creek rose and flooded the course. Fortunately for Lockie, the receding water has left no silt on the course.

N.Y. course workers survive live burial

SPRING VALLEY, N.Y. — Two workers were buried under mounds of earth and seriously injured earlier this summer when the sides of a drainage ditch they were digging on the New York Country Club collapsed.

Joseph Oakes, 41, was completely buried and had to be airlifted by helicopter to Westchester County Medical Center. Oakes was semi-conscious when he was lifted from the trench and had lost the feeling on his right side below his waist, which was likely to be related to a spinal injury.

The other worker, Rafael Gutierrez, 35, was partially buried in the incident.

He was taken to Good Samaritan Hospital with leg and shoulder injuries.

Oakes and Gutierrez, who were employed by a private company, were digging a drainage trench on July 5 when the accident occurred. They had dug down about 6 feet when the earth caved in.

Heavy rains may have made the soil soft, according to officials.

The rough terrain at the New York Country Club made it difficult for the helicopter to land near the trench. Oakes had to be carried by eight emergency workers about 250 feet uphill to a level landing site.

Maintenance vehicle claims the life of Colorado 9-year-old

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — A 9-year-old boy died of injuries he suffered when a golf course maintenance cart here at the Woodmoor Country Club ran over him.

Peter McGeorge died from head injuries in an accident while riding his bicycle on a maintenance path at the Woodmoor Country Club, according to the Colorado State Patrol. The path leads off a public road onto the course and is used by maintenance workers and area residents who own golf carts.

The boy, who lived near the course, rounded a curve and encountered a three-wheeled maintenance cart going in the other direction. The boy, apparently startled, fell off his bike in the path of the cart. The cart driver, 19-year-old Jeremy Gray, couldn't avoid the boy and one of the cart's back wheels ran over him. He died at Memorial Hospital.

Indiana muni will handle night play

ENGLISH, Ind. — Night-time golf is coming to southern Indiana.

Construction is scheduled to start this year on a lighted, 18-hole municipal course in English in Crawford County. It is believed to be the first lighted full-length, 18-hole course in the country.

The first nine holes are scheduled to open in the spring of 1998. The back nine, to be finished in 1999, will be built on the flood plain where the town of English once stood.

Because of the periodic flooding at the site, the town is being moved to higher ground. The valley where the old town used to sit, near the intersection of State Roads 37 and 64, was given back to the town with the requirement that it not be abandoned and that it be maintained in a "manicured" state. The Sterling Development Corp. came up with a plan to build and operate a municipal course.

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