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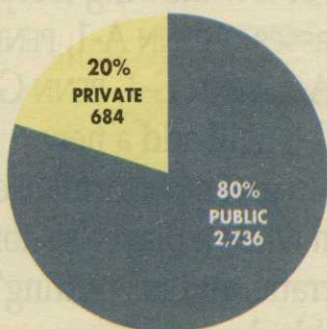
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Source: National Golf Foundation

PUBLIC GOLF ROLLS ON

After 1990, new golf course openings began to pick up steam. Public golf, specifically daily-fee golf, contributed most to the upsurge in golf course development. See page 3 for more stats on the growing public golf arena.

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Toro, G&H ready for day in court

By M. LEVANS

BLOOMINGTON, Minn./LOS ANGELES — The battle between the Toro Company and Grizzle & Hunter Plastic Inc. — which has raged since December 1995 — will be tried by a jury on September 23.

Through the trial, Toro is seeking an injunction against Grizzle & Hunter that would permanently bar the manufacturer from producing its Bear Irrigation replacement sprinkler products.

In December 1995, Toro accused Grizzle & Hunter's top executives of stealing trade secrets related to the sprinkler conversion assembly — the guts of the sprinkler head. Grizzle & Hunter, a company spearheaded by Glendale Grizzle, an ex-Toro employee of 28 years, has been marketing a univer-

sal conversion assembly that can replace worn out Toro and Rain Bird sprinkler assemblies.

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COMING HOME

The 9th and 18th greens at Greystone Golf Club in Walworth, N.Y. This Craig Schreiner creation opened in June. See Q&A page 33.

Widow's Walk places environment first

By MARK LESLIE

SCITUATE, Mass. — When Palmer Course Design Co. finishes rebuilding The Presidio in San Francisco, the country will be bracketed by its first two "environmental demonstration project" golf courses. The first, Widow's Walk Golf Course, located on an old gravel pit and dump site in this coastal Massachusetts community, opened for play on June 28, to the delight of

golfers and environmentalists alike.

"I don't think any golf course has had more publicity than this one. That's because of what it is and

what it represents," said Dr. Michael Hurdzan who, with lead designer Bill Kerman and input from various environmental

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Casper to keynote Public Golf Forum

By M. LESLIE

OAK BROOK HILLS, Ill. — Hall of Fame golfer Billy Casper, who has followed his playing career by operating golf course design and management companies, will keynote the 1997 Public Golf Forum here on Oct. 27.

The only national conference and show targeted to the owners, managers, developers and superintendents of public-access golf facilities, the *Golf Course News*-sponsored Public Golf Forum will be held Oct. 27-28 at Oak Brook Hills

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The legendary Billy Casper

Whitbread takes lead

By PETER BLAIS

WARWICKSHIRE, England — This fall the European golfing community will turn its eyes to Whitbread Hotel Co.'s Marriott Forest of Arden Hotel & Country Club, site of the final European Tour stop before this September's much-anticipated Ryder Cup.

"We're hoping a number of the European team players will play in the One 2 One British Masters," said Whitbread Marketing Director Janet Matthews.

While the golfing public's attention will be fixed on the Warwickshire facility this September, the golf industry's gaze has turned with increasing

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A FINE FINISH

Kyle Phillips liked this course so much he moved there. The 18th at Granite Bay (Calif.) Golf Club is an example of Phillips' work with RTJII. See story on Phillips' new solo career, page 33.