

### Ill. town turns to operations firm

STREAMWOOD, Ill. — In an effort to bring 6-year-old Streamwood Oaks Golf Course into the black, the village board has contracted with Links Management of Elgin to manage the municipal course.

The nine-hole facility had been operated by Doug Long, an in-house manager/superintendent, since it opened in 1990. Long

resigned last February and the village had been debating whether to replace him with another golf course manager/superintendent or to privatize management.

The village has agreed to pay Links Management \$27,500 for the first year of a three-year contract, with incentives for future years.

### Mass. Palmer deal falls through; town remains in the market

AMESBURY, Mass. — Just months after it appeared it would be getting the first-ever Arnold Palmer-signature course in New England, town fathers here are seeking new proposals for an 18-hole layout on land known as Woodsom Farms.

The town recently cut off negotiations with Championship Golf Enterprises, which had originally promised to develop a Palmer-designed course but ultimately failed to follow

through to the town's satisfaction.

Even though voters approved construction of a golf course in a non-binding 1991 referendum, many local citizens raised opposition to the golf course after it appeared a Palmer-designed layout would be built. Amesbury Mayor Nick Costello said the town will not build a golf course at the farm if it does not receive adequate proposals.

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### Cape company to manage Olde Scotland Links

BRIDGEWATER, Mass. — Olde Scotland Links moved closer to its July 1997 target opening date by naming a management company to run the course.

Corcoran Jennison Hospitality Co., Inc., of Brewster, Mass. was chosen by the town of Bridgewater's Golf Course Development Committee to oversee operation of the still-under-construction, Brian Silva-designed 18-hole, daily-fee course. The company was awarded a \$2.1 million, three-year contract covering management of food and beverage responsibilities and general maintenance.

Scott Stettner, president of Corcoran Jennison, called Olde Scotland Links a "very well conceived golf course development." The golf course committee said it was looking for a company that would provide "a standard of service to golfers equal to a private club and not a typical municipal course."

### Omni floats Colo. conference center

BLOOMFIELD, Colo. — Omni Hotels, Inc. has signed a letter of intent to build a \$53 million hotel with a 27-hole golf course and conference center here in a technology business park near Denver. The course will be designed by Graham & Panks International.

Construction on the hotel at Interlocken Advanced Technology office park, located about halfway between Boulder and Denver, is expected to begin in the spring. The hotel-resort marks the first move to expand west since TRT Holdings, Inc. bought Omni, a four-star hotel company, in February 1996, and moved its headquarters to Corpus Christi, Texas.

Omni is best known for its upscale properties in Eastern and Midwest cities like Boston, New York and Chicago. The hotel-resort, a joint venture with an Interlocken developer, will be similar to the Omni Tucson National Golf Resort & Spa, which also has a 27-hole golf course. Omni will operate the hotel.