

## Citizens raise \$2.2M toward county course

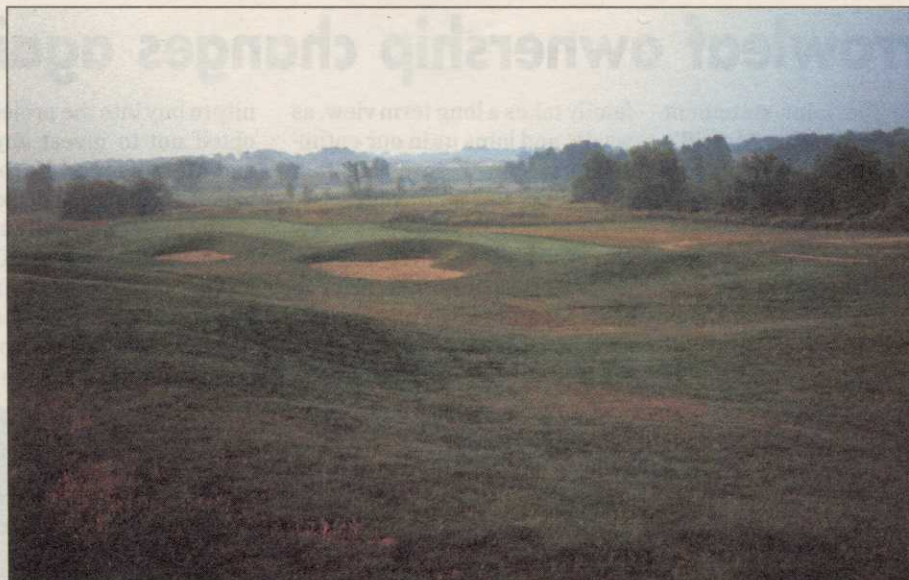
By MARK LESLIE

HARTFORD, Wis. — A monument to what one man can generate, Washington County Golf Course has opened for play in this community 30 miles from downtown Milwaukee.

Thanks to Walter Malzahn — who saw just one fairway seeded before his death — the 18-hole, Arthur Hills-designed course cost the county taxpayers nothing.

Malzahn, a non-golfer, raised \$2.2 million in donations from a dozen private citizens, including \$300,000 himself to buy the land, according to PGA professional and clubhouse supervisor John J. Statz. That got the project off the ground and put Malzahn in a position to finance the remaining \$5.3 million to build the course.

The course "is not supplemented by the government at all," Statz said. "It is run on an enterprise account, which means we are a business and all our oper-



Washington County's 189-yard par-3 6th hole.

ating budget comes from user fees. No tax will be levied for us."

The facility was built, Statz said, "to get families involved. The short game and practice facility is one of the best in the state."

It contains a three-acre practice tee, two adjacent practice greens and sand bunkers for short-game practice, and three practice holes — two par-4s and a par-3.

## Maxwell's Starmount Forest faces renovation

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Lester George has been selected by Starmount Forest Country Club to create a master plan of improvements for the club. The plan will outline the initiatives for future consideration of renovation and restoration for the 67-year-old course.

Starmount Forest CC was designed by Perry Maxwell in 1930. The club hosted the inaugural Greater Greensboro Open in 1938, and hosted or co-hosted it 15 times between 1938 and 1960. It was one of the most popular stops on the PGA Tour.

George will concentrate on renovation of the tees, greens and bunkers. The Richmond, Va., architect will also oversee the delicate restoration of some of the original Maxwell features that set Starmount Forest apart from many clubs.

"The primary focus of any master plan is to significantly improve the architectural quality, maintainability, playability, strategy, drainage and aesthetic appeal of the course without going overboard," George said. Specifically, George will improve the shot values and flexibility of the course by adding a fifth set of tees, making the course more diverse for all skill levels of golfers.

The course opened April 30 and Statz projected 20,000 rounds for the year.

Creating the 18-hole layout along the Rubicon River, Hills moved a half million cubic yards of material to shape four major water features, four sets of tees and 50 bunkers.

The par-72 track plays from 5,200 to 7,007 yards and is all bentgrass tee to green, with a lot of native grasses used in out-of-play areas.

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