

San Antonio golf course named historic landmark

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — Brackenridge Park Golf Course, the first public layout ever built in Texas and a host site of everything from state junior and city championships to the Texas Open, has been named the first golf course to be admitted to the Texas Registry of Historic Courses, a new program of the Texas Golf Hall of Fame.

Built in 1915 and designed by A.W. Tillinghast, Brackenridge Park has played a long and colorful role in Texas golf history. "Old Brack," as the

course is also known, hosted the first Texas Open in 1922.

PGA veterans like Ben Crenshaw, Bill Rogers, Bruce Lietzke and many others also played Brackenridge Park during their youth at the Texas State Junior Championships.

The newly-created Texas Registry of Historic Courses was created in part by a grant from Reid Lockhart, the Texas-based golf equipment manufacturer.

CALIFORNIA COURSE STARTS TRIAL CADDIE PROGRAM

TUSTIN, Calif. — Tustin Ranch Golf Club is trying to go where no other public course in Orange County has dared to go, launching a caddie program on a trial basis.

The course initially hired 12 caddies to work weekends, but the response has been so

good the club is now training another round of caddies to run the program on weekdays, too. Golfers are charged \$35 for a caddie on top of the \$105 greens fee. A golfer who chooses to ride a cart or carry his own bag, meanwhile, pays a \$105 greens fee.

Palmer & Nicklaus may team on course

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. — The second 18-hole course at the World Golf Village may be designed by an intriguing duo — Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus.

The Florida Times-Union has reported negotiations are ongoing between World Golf Village executives and Palmer and Nicklaus to get the pair to team on the design, with construction to start next year. The two giants of golf have never collaborated on a golf course design.

If a Palmer-Nicklaus team is assembled, it will be the second all-star design team involved in the new project. The World Golf Village's first course featured Gene Sarazen and Sam Snead as design consultants. The course will be named The Squire and the Slammer in their honor. The second course will be located in a river tract of the Saint Johns residential community near the World Golf Village site, about two miles away from the first course.

Palmer designing in Nicklaus' backyard

DUBLIN, Ohio — Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer spent plenty of years going shoulder to shoulder as golf competitors. Now, as course designers, their creations will be back-to-back in this well-known Ohio golf destination first claimed by Nicklaus in the mid-1970s.

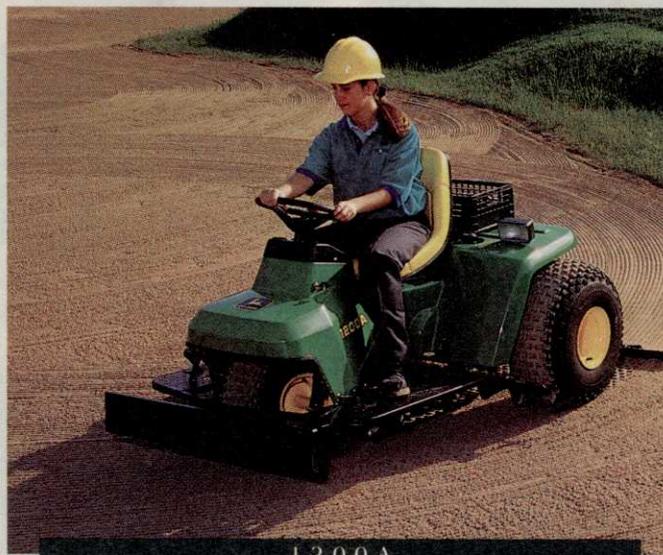
Palmer is designing an 18-hole layout for the private Tartan Fields Club, a new residential golf community that will sit practically next door to Nicklaus' Muirfield Village Golf Club, host to the Memorial Tournament on the PGA Tour each May and a course dear to Nicklaus' heart.

Tartan Fields is scheduled to open for play by spring 1999.

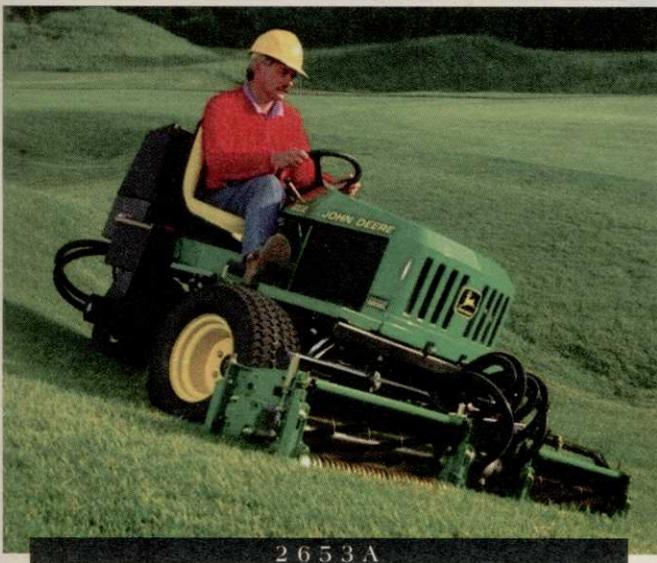
Tom Anderson, president of Tartan Fields and part of the development team along with Northwood Land Corp. of Columbus and Hines-Griffin Co. of Cincinnati, told *The Columbus Dispatch*, "Our goal is for this facility to be one of the best five facilities in central Ohio — and in Columbus that's a big feat."



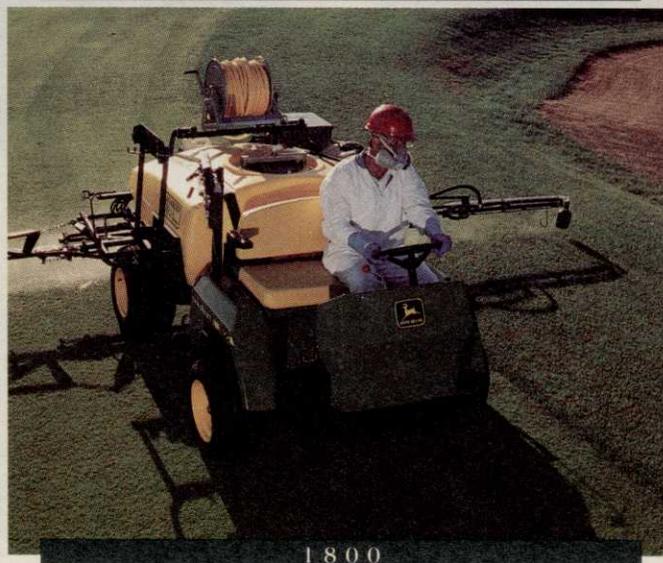
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