

PGA Tour, Va. Beach in discussions

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — The PGA Tour and Virginia Beach are working toward an agreement to jointly build a championship-caliber 18-hole golf course in the city.

The envisioned \$10 million golf course development would be considered an important step in Virginia Beach's ongoing efforts to become a major golf va-

cation destination.

Officials with Hyatt Corp. have expressed interest in building a 600-unit resort complex at Lake Ridge if the golf course is built, according to *The Virginian-Pilot*. Reportedly, the PGA Tour would pay approximately \$6.5 million toward course construction and the city would pay \$3.5 million.

Jordan Golf Corp. in running for Indiana course renovation

HIGHLAND, Ind. — The Wicker Park Memorial Golf Course may soon be part of Michael Jordan's growing golf empire.

The Michael Jordan Golf Corp. of Northbrook, Ill., has submitted a proposal to pump private funding into the 18-hole golf course. Jordan's group was one of three to submit proposals to renovate and revive Wicker Park.

Jordan, an obvious lover of golf, has already

been involved in several golf projects. His company opened a driving range, practice green, miniature golf course, clubhouse and pro shop in Chicago in the mid-1990s. In October 1995, Jordan's group unveiled plans to open a \$3 million golf center in Charlotte, N.C. The president of Jordan's golf group is Chuck Reeves, a close friend of Jordan's who worked for Jack Nicklaus' design team for many years.

Weibring, GRI chase Ill. project

QUINCY, Ill. — The 27-hole, public Westview Golf Course here could soon receive a \$3 million facelift.

D. A. Weibring's Golf Resources, Inc. (GRI) has prepared a master plan to renovate Westview. Weibring, a 20-year PGA Tour veteran, was born in Quincy. Some of the suggested improvements include:

- A new clubhouse and more parking,
- Two new holes on the South Nine,
- Realigning several fairways and greens to improve golfer safety,
- Improving drainage problems on many holes, including the South Nine, and
- Building new maintenance facilities.

A Quincy park board official said the work could begin later this year or next spring. It should take five years to fully implement.

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