

Expansion reveals ancient campsite

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. — The discovery of prehistoric tools on the site of a proposed nine-hole addition to Brattleboro Country Club may delay the club's expansion plans.

A search of the 122 acres where the course is expanding revealed prehistoric artifacts dating back to the Late Archaic Period between 2,000 and 3,000 BC, according to Douglas Mackey, an archaeologist with Hartgen Archaeological Associates of Troy, N.Y.

The club hired Mackey to conduct the site review.

Mackey indicated the artifacts and materials suggested that a portion of the site once served as a campsite for ancestors of the Abenaki tribe, one of the early tribes known to have occupied the region.

As a result of the discovery, the site is eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, a designation that could add a wrinkle to the project's review under Act 250, a state environmental law covering development.

Brattleboro Country Club officials are optimistic the addition can still go forward on time if proper steps are taken to protect the artifacts in the sub-soil layers. The nine-hole expansion is part of a \$3 million project that also includes a new clubhouse.

"Everything's copacetic," club

president Daniel Hannify told the *Brattleboro Reformer*. "We have to put down some netting and cap it (with soil). We are not going to build on top of it."

Mackey said he felt the club's chances to build were still very good because all the club intends to do, essentially, is plant grass.

Phoenix mayor working to save historical course

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Mayor Skip Rimsza has created an 11-member committee to look at ways to preserve the 18-hole Adobe golf course here at the Arizona Biltmore. The course is being threatened by the possibility of residential development on its fairways.

Under existing zoning, the Adobe course could be redeveloped into 110 residential lots. Committee members will represent various points of view,

including the city, area homeowners, the owner of the property and the Arizona Biltmore hotel. The committee is expected to present a plan for preserving the course by June 18.

Rimsza has already made it known that he wants to see the course preserved. The Adobe, one of two 18-hole courses at the Biltmore near downtown Phoenix, was built in 1932 and designed by William P. Bell.

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