

Bintz Apple on rebound

FREELAND, Mich. — When the new 18-hole Apple Mountain Golf Course opens next year, it will represent another significant improvement in the transformation of the year-round recreational resort once known as Bintz Apple Mountain.

The 18-hole layout, scheduled to open next summer, will fea-

ture some dramatic elevation changes. Two holes have tees located on Apple Mountain's ski hill. One of those, the sixth hole, features a 75-foot drop from the back tees to a fairway nestled in a grove of trees. On a clear day, the tee offers a panoramic view of the Saginaw Valley area.

The new Apple Mountain

course was designed by golf course architect John Sanford, Jr., who also designed the Quest in Houghton Lake and the Sawmill in Saginaw Township.

The course is dotted with 100 bunkers and nine ponds and has four tee areas on each hole with a course distance ranging from 5,088 yards from the front tees to 6,972 yards from the back tees. The complex is 20 miles from Bay City.

Vegas seeks proposals for 18

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — The fast-growing public golf scene in Las Vegas may soon gain another member.

The city's parks and recreation department is currently seeking proposals for a public 18-hole championship-caliber course that would be part of a mixed-use development that could also in-

clude compatible facilities like a Grand Prix racetrack.

According to one anticipated proposal, a race track would wind around the course and used only a few days each year, according to Glen Trowbridge, director of parks and recreation for Las Vegas. Trowbridge said the University of Nevada-Las Vegas golf program has expressed interest in using the new course as a home.

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Stonebridge just about recovered

ROME, Ga. — Greens and fairways at the daily-fee 18-hole Stonebridge Golf Club have almost recovered from damage caused two years ago by below-freezing temperatures.

Damage caused by low temperatures during the winter of 1995-96 — as low as 2 degrees — needed at least two growing seasons to repair. Stonebridge is at the end of the second growing season following the damage.

Meanwhile, Stonebridge has been offering free replacement of metal spikes with soft spikes in preparation for a soft spikes only policy as of Jan. 1, 1998.

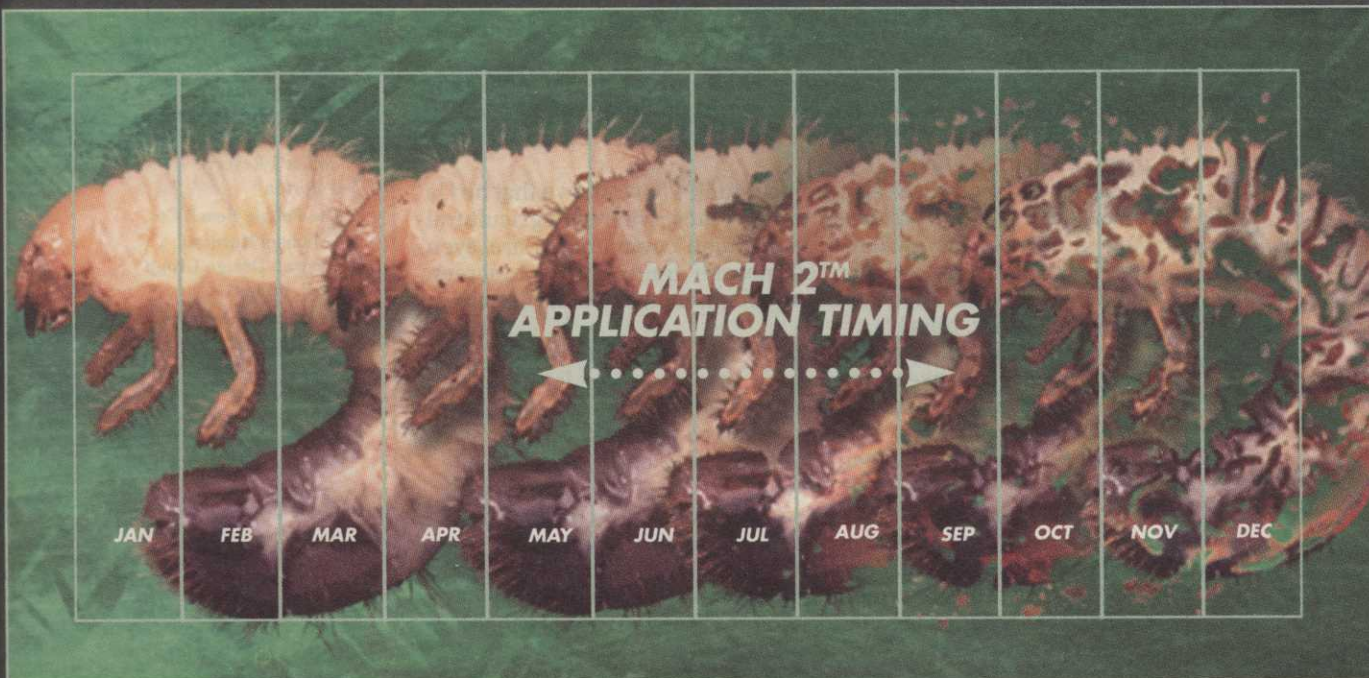
UNI CONSIDERS GOLF COURSE DEVELOPMENT

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa — The University of Northern Iowa may join the growing list of colleges and universities with golf courses either on or near campus.

University officials are considering developing a golf course and retirement community near campus, according to the *Courier* of Waterloo. Early discussion have focused on an 18-hole course that would serve the public and the university. The course would be lined with townhouses for retired citizens and also possible assisted-living housing.

WORK STARTS ON OLD ISLAND

INDIAN SPRINGS, Va. — Work has started on the new 18-hole course at Old Island Golf and Residential Community. The 6,835-yard, par-72 daily-fee layout was designed by golf course architect Tom Clark of Kensington, Md. The course will be set on the former Eastman Farm at Indian Springs and feature bentgrass tees, greens and fairways. The project is being developed by Golfsourse. The course will be managed by Golf Unlimited of Richmond, Va.



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