

BRIEFS

ATHENS, Ala. — The financially troubled Athens Country Club is up for sale to the highest bidder. The 40-year-old facility, located in the southern section of the city, consists of a nine-hole course, swimming pool, tennis courts, clubhouse and 50 acres. The main reason for the sale is a drop in membership. The club actually was considering expanding earlier this year, but the proposal failed. The long-time private club is open for public play for the first time to increase revenue.

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CHASKA, Minn. — The Chaska Town Course, a public 18-hole layout designed by Art Hills, is set to open later this month. The course — Hills' first design in Minnesota — offers two nines with distinct character. One nine is primarily a wide-open, links-style layout with few trees and lots of natural grasses and floral vegetation adding definition. The other nine is more parkland style with ponds, marshes, ravines, and trees. The course is a mile west of Hazeltine National, site of the two U.S. Opens.

Homeowners, developer go to court over future of Biltmore Hotel GC

PHOENIX, Ariz. — The owner of the Adobe Golf Course at the Arizona Biltmore Hotel, which plans to develop housing on the land starting in the year 2000, has filed a suit against one of the Biltmore neighbors who is leading opposition to the plans.

Kabuto Arizona Properties, which says it has the rights to develop the course into 112

homes as of the year 2000, has filed a suit against Jack Londen, a Phoenix businessman and leader of neighborhood opposition to Kabuto's plans.

Kabuto has become involved in a struggle with supporters of the course — homeowners abutting the course, some city officials and longtime golfers — over the future of the site. After

announcing plans to develop the homes, which drew heavy criticism from certain groups, Kabuto has since indicated that the course could remain if someone compensates it for the valuable land.

Meanwhile, the city has been attempting to create a new zoning designation for the course site that would prevent it being

developed into homes. Kabuto has said that such a move would unfairly rob it of development rights to the property. Kabuto says neighbors of the golf course agreed several times over the past 35 years that the course would be preserved only for an indefinite time and knew that development could happen in 2000.

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