

## Meadowbrook close to finalizing ClubCorp. buyout

PHILADELPHIA, Penn. — Meadowbrook Golf Group Inc. of Lakeland, Fla. is close to closing a deal with Dallas-based Club Corp. of America and assuming management of six public courses, nine properties and a sports center here.

Bill Stine, chief operating officer of Meadowbrook, said his

company has received the go-ahead from the city of Philadelphia for the buyout of ClubCorp.'s remaining 13-year contract, but is waiting for word from the officials of New Castle County, Del. and Middletown, Penn. for two courses there which are part of the negotiations.

Stine says Middletown's potential approval has been pushed to July due to town council schedules. He says it is possible to close the deal with Philadelphia first, and follow up with the remaining two courses — Porky Oliver's in Delaware and Middletown Country Club in Pennsylvania — at a later date.

"Our deal with CCA is that we would close them all at the same time, but given the fact that the big one is out of the way, we might close them separately. But in order to do so, we have to allocate the value of each one," says Stine.

Arnold Rosenstein, chairman of

Meadowbrook in the Beverly Hills, Calif. office, says he expects full approval in the near future, and that the addition of these tracks fits into the firm's business of managing municipal courses. "It will give us expanded presence in the northeastern United States," says Rosenstein.



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## Global Golf to build at N.Y. park

SARASOTA SPRINGS, N.Y. — Global Golf of West Babylon in Long Island has signed on with the state to create a new course at Saratoga Spa State Park here.

Global Golf, which operates courses at Bethpage State Park on Long Island, will build an 18-hole track and various practice ranges. The 7,244-yard course will have three lakes, and the 17th hole will have two fairways.

Under the contract, Global Golf will take over management of the two existing courses. Details are still to be worked out, according to newspaper reports.

The state bought 312 acres across the street from the park in the mid-1960s with the idea of creating a third course. Attempts were made to lure developers to build in 1996, but most didn't want to compete with the nine- and 18-hole existing courses, according to newspaper reports.

## Facelifts started at Port Royal, Shipyard

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — American Golf is in the middle of a \$4 million facelift for Port Royal and Shipyard.

The construction here includes course renovations, rebuilt staging area, rebuilt and repositioned practice putting green, addition of practice mats to the driving range, and new cart paths for the Robber's Row and Planter's Row layouts.

The work also includes a re-fashioning of the Planter's Row layout.

The reason for the changes at Planter's Row is to make it more traditional-looking and emphasize the course's parkland setting, according to Paul Rothwell, regional superintendent for Santa Monica, Calif.-based American Golf.

Robber's Row will undergo nine tee replacements and the addition of a 5,000-square-foot green on the par-5 sixth hole this summer.

Meanwhile, Shipyard has also had 14 tees rebuilt. Both complexes are scheduled for more renovations in the future.

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