

Planned N.Y. facility targeted for summer groundbreaking

OAKFIELD, N.Y. — A group of investors hope to begin work on Fox Hollow Run Country Club this summer pending final approval by the town board.

The proposed club will include a 300-yard driving range, practice green, pro shop, restaurant and a nine-hole, par-36 course. The facility would be on 60 acres of land owned by the family of

Michael Dilcher, who is heading the project with partners Tim Spiotta and Terry Downs.

The site will be completed in three phases, with the first to begin following the anticipated permit approval by the county and town boards in May or June. The project could be delayed if either planning board recommends site plan modifications or permit conditions.

N.H. course to bring in hefty profits

SOMERSWORTH, N.H. — This southeastern New Hampshire city has received the go-ahead to apply for state and federal permits for the proposed construction of an 18-hole, public course, with construction to possibly begin in the spring of 1999.

In addition to the permits, city

officials have hired a consultant to assist them in deciding who will build and run the Lily Pond Golf Course.

Construction costs are expected to run between \$2.5 million and \$3 million, depending on the clubhouse design. It will cost \$55,000 to \$100,000 just to ready the area for construction.

The city's \$11,000 feasibility study — which will soon be updated with current changes — unveiled the need for an 18-hole public course. Sunnydale Country Club on Green Street has only nine holes. And Dover's Cochecho Country Club, which has 18 holes, is private and has a two-year membership waiting list. The report also indicated that the city could benefit from as much as a \$200,000 yearly profit.

So far, all of the expenses for the project, including the feasibility study and course design, have been funded through timber cuts of city-owned land. Timber revenue will also be tapped to pay for the various permits that are needed.

Course action simmering south of Beantown

BOSTON — Golf development is heating up in southern Massachusetts.

According to the *Boston Globe*, more than a dozen courses are on the drawing board in the suburbs south of Boston. Two opened in the past year, and four others are under construction.

In Plymouth, six courses are planned and another is in the final construction stages.

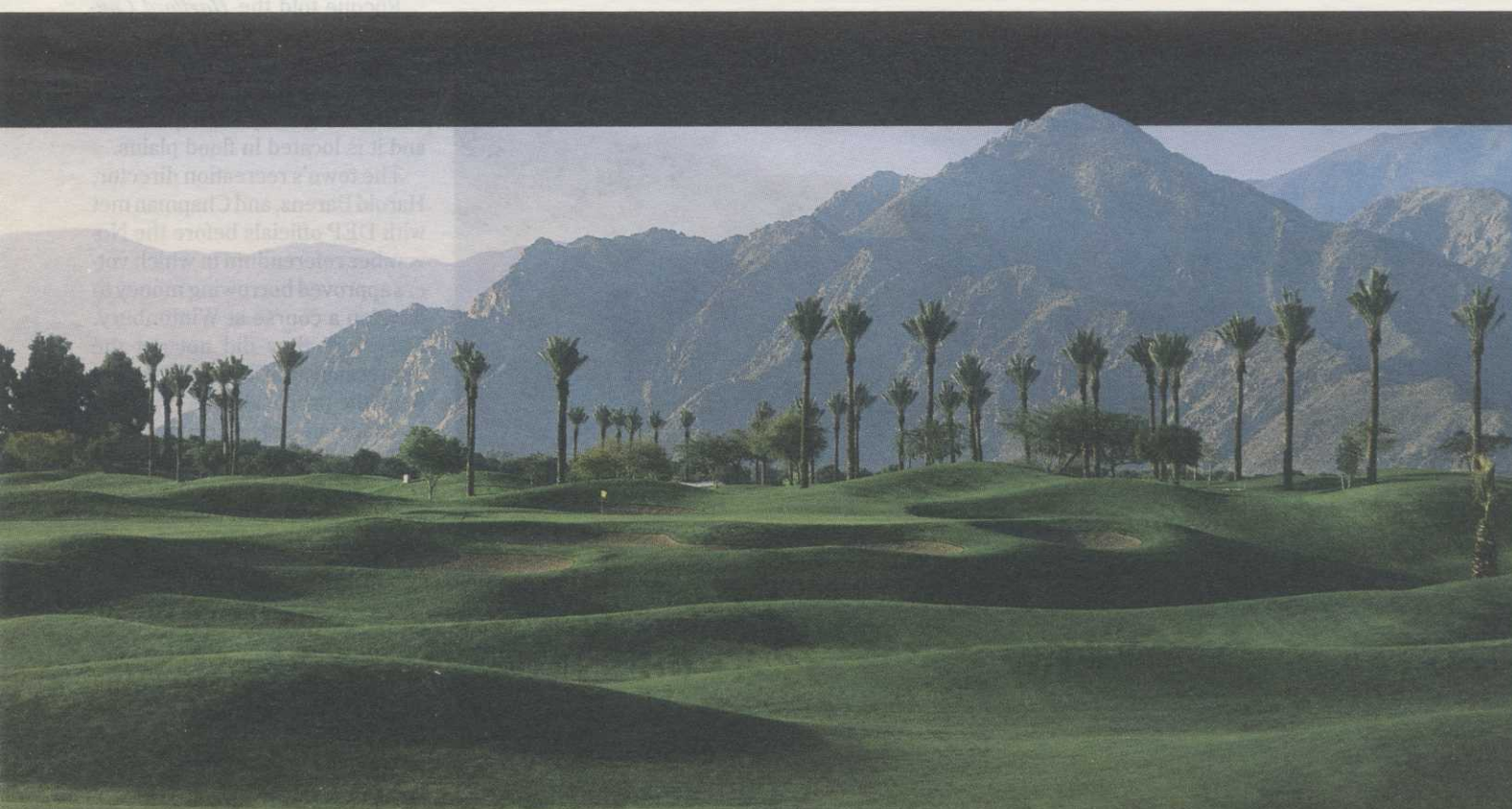
Some of the courses are being built on sites that had been scarred by earlier uses. Scituate's new Widow's Walk course is on a former sand and gravel operation. The Quarry Hills course in Milton and Quincy is being built on top of former granite quarries that were abandoned and then filled with trash.

Fueling the expansion is the healthy economy, lower interest rates, increased tourism, and suburban population growth.

Five courses on the drawing board in Plymouth would be built in conjunction with large housing developments. The projects are on open land purchased from Digital Equipment Corp.

CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error, an article on page 8 of the February 1998 issue of *Golf Course News* incorrectly identified the architect of the Indian Summer Golf & Country Club's golf course. The actual golf course designer was Peter L.H. Thompson.



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