

Arkansas course opens for public play

CONWAY, Ark. — Bunker Hill Golf Course has opened for play here in rural Arkansas.

Greg Clark of Clark & Associates designed the course for partners Dennis Grady, Mark Cambiano and T.L. Fortenberry. The 18-hole public layout overlooking the Arkansas River is located on former cattle farm land owned by Grady since 1982. Grady was involved in the construction of several other golf projects, in-

cluding two in California and the London Bridge Golf Club in Lake Havasu, Ariz.

The course measures 6,421 yards from the back tees. Fees range from \$7 to \$23. A temporary clubhouse is under construction. Tennis courts, a swimming pool and marina are also planned. Forty-five home lots are also available.

Play began in early September, but the official grand opening will be held in spring 1999.

New golf course manager sought in suburban Orlando

LAKELAND, Fla. — Lakeland city commissioners have voted to end the city's lease with the 12-member board of directors at Cleveland Heights Golf & Country Club and research other management options.

The club is projected to lose more than \$200,000 next year.

The city has leased the 27-hole course to the board since 1955. In its latest five-year lease with the city, the club pays \$5,000 a year. That contract runs out in February 2000. The commissioners instructed City Manager Gene Strickland to negotiate a way for the board to give up control.

Commissioners still have to decide on the club's next management structure. Some prefer a professional golf management company while others want the course to be run by the city's Parks and Recreation Department.

BIGCA adds two associates

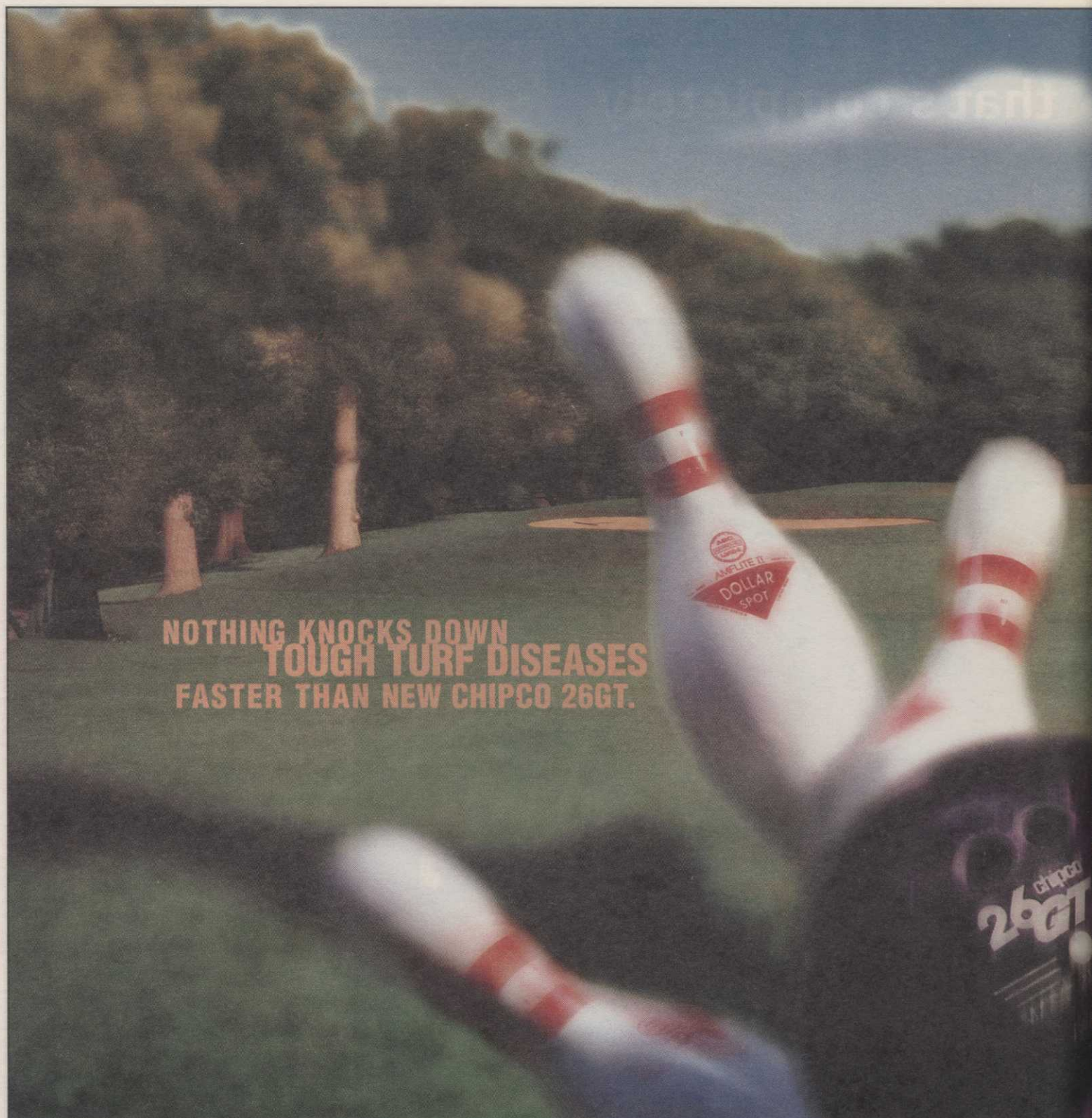
SURREY, England — Two new associates have joined the membership of the British Institute of Golf Course Architects, based at Merrist Wood in Surrey.

Ross McMurray, principal designer at European Golf Design and Bruce Weller, working at Peter Alliss/Clive Clark Golf Designs, have qualified for associateship of the institute, which now represents more than 50 of Europe's leading professional architects in the golf course field.

Fred Hawtree, one of the founding members of the institute in 1971, has been invited to become an honorary member, in recognition of his great services to golf and golf course architects. He joins Geoffrey Cornish as the most celebrated members of the institute and the profession.

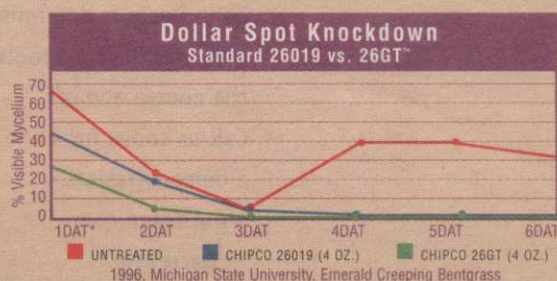
MEMPHIS-AREA OFFICIALS CONSIDER NEW COURSE PROJECT

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The Horn Lake Board of Aldermen voted to seek an attorney general's opinion on whether the city can lease 326 acres donated to the city by developer Hugh Dancy, according to *The Commercial Appeal*. Plans have been proposed to build a golf course on 180 acres of the property that runs along the south bank of meandering Horn Lake Creek. Mayor Mike Thomas has considered building a golf course on a portion of the property since the land was donated by Dancy in 1991. Thomas would like the city to develop, build and operate the course, although several aldermen said they would prefer to have a private developer assume the responsibility.



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