

Washington state course layout to make way for new industry

REDMOND, Ore. — One of Central Oregon's golf courses probably has a few more years left before moving on to another use.

"My guess is that in five to six years (Juniper Golf Club) will be buildings and industrial property for the (Redmond) airport," Bruce Wattenburger, general

manager and head professional at the club, told *The Bulletin*.

If that happens, a new course is planned near the Deschutes County Fairgrounds. The change in location is forced by an expected large increase in rent in 2006, when Juniper's lease expires.

The course is owned by the

city of Redmond. The club makes a token rent payment of \$1 per year. However, the federal government requires that lease payments reflect fair market value, which would push the lease to \$100,000.

If the property were rezoned for industrial use, the market value could be \$1 million.

So the city decided to change locations of the golf course to maintain a recreational opportunity. The new \$4 million course, if all goes according to plan, will be ready for play in 2002, Wattenburger said.

Juniper opened in 1952 with nine holes, with the second nine added in 1987.

Voters asked to OK Chicago course buyout

CHICAGO — Prospect Heights park district officials likely will go to a referendum this fall, to ask voters for money to buy the Old Orchard Country Club.

Park district board members discussed a referendum during a recent special meeting. If the board votes in favor of a referendum during an August meeting, it will put the question on the November ballot.

Park officials still are negotiating with the golf course owners, but Commissioner Dan Pavlik estimated the district will have to pay between \$5 million and \$7 million for the property.

S.C. developers need go-ahead to remove trees

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Kiawah Island's developers are seeking permission to remove 88 trees as part of a planned 400-acre private golf course development on the Andell property of Seabrook Island.

The trees, mostly oak and sweet gum, would be removed as part of a golf club and residential development on farmland and a forest off Kiawah Island Parkway.

The developers are Kiawah Resort Associates (KRA) and Virginia Investment Trust. The golf course would be designed by Tom Watson.

If the developers get the approvals, construction could begin this fall, with the course ready for play by fall 1999 and a grand opening in spring 2000.

Golden Bear to design Mo. links

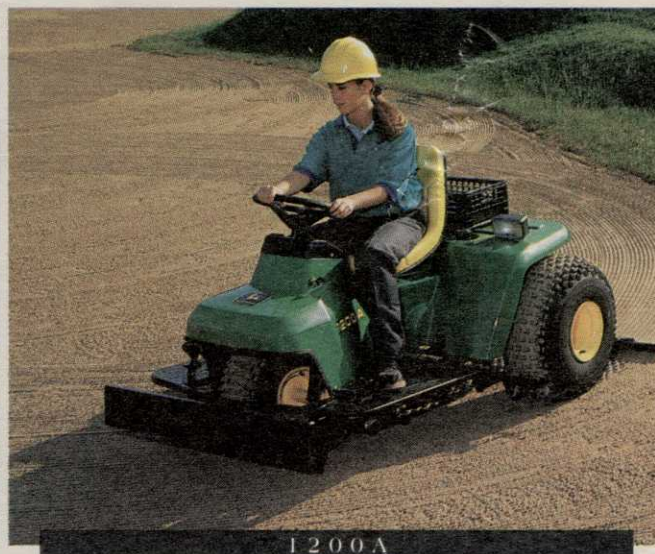
LAKE OF THE OZARKS, Mo. — Jack Nicklaus will design a new course at the Lodge of Four Seasons here.

The course will be called The Golf Club at Porto Cima and is scheduled to open in the spring of 2000. Four Seasons already has two courses in Seasons Ridge Golf Club and the Robert Trent Jones Sr. Course.

The resort has spent over \$1 million to upgrade the two courses and facilities in the past year.



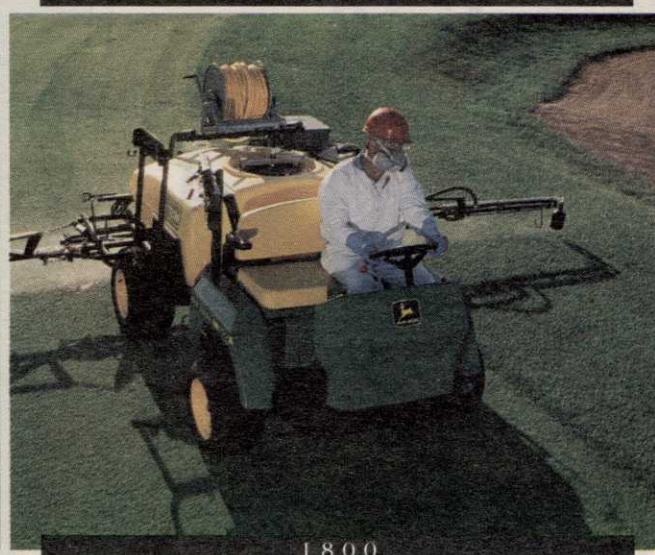
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