

Piedmont DC picks site for new Atlanta course

ATLANTA — This city's Piedmont Driving Club has selected 538 acres in south Fulton County to build its new golf course, according to the *Atlanta Journal and Constitution*.

Bob Glenn, president of the Piedmont Driving Club, said the site's beauty, price and proximity to major freeways led to the decision to purchase the heavily treed site.

The 18-hole course is scheduled for comple-

tion in November. When finished, the property also have a nine-hole, par-3 course, clubhouse and a boathouse.

The Piedmont Driving Club bought the property for \$8 million last April. It hired Rees Jones to design the facility. At one time, the property was owned by developer Jim Cowart, who hoped to build single-family homes, condominiums, conference center and golf course on the site.

LandCare takes over Indiana's ServiScape

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind.— ServiScape Inc., a 16-year-old golf course contract maintenance management company, has been acquired by Houston-based LandCare, USA, a national provider of landscape and tree services to the commercial and institutional markets.

According to Peter Sinnott, ServiScape's president, "becom-

ing part of the country's leading landscape company will enhance our ability to grow more rapidly into other regions of the country. It will also benefit our current golf course customers through a broader range of available services and expertise and increased purchasing power for materials, supplies and maintenance equipment."

Abacoa locates new buyer for Florida layout

JUPITER, Fla. — Abacoa Development Co. has found a buyer for its public golf course under construction at Abacoa, according to the *Palm Beach Post*.

The buyer is Golf First — a partnership whose principals are PGA golf professional Jerry Kamis of Jupiter, amateur golfers Robert Dew and Carl Sawyer of Atlanta, and Sawyer's son, Brannon Sawyer. The group has agreed to buy the 130-acre course and build a clubhouse. The sale will close May 1.

Joe and Frank Jemsek, a father-son team who operate Cog Hill and Pine Meadows courses near Chicago, were the original developers, but backed out about two years ago.

Unable to find another buyer, Abacoa hired Joe Lee to design the course and Tifton-Turf of Tifton, Ga., to begin building it last December.

Abacoa is a 2,055-acre development that eventually will have 6,000 homes, a university and town center. Roger Dean Stadium, where baseball's St. Louis Cardinals and Montreal Expos train, opened last spring.

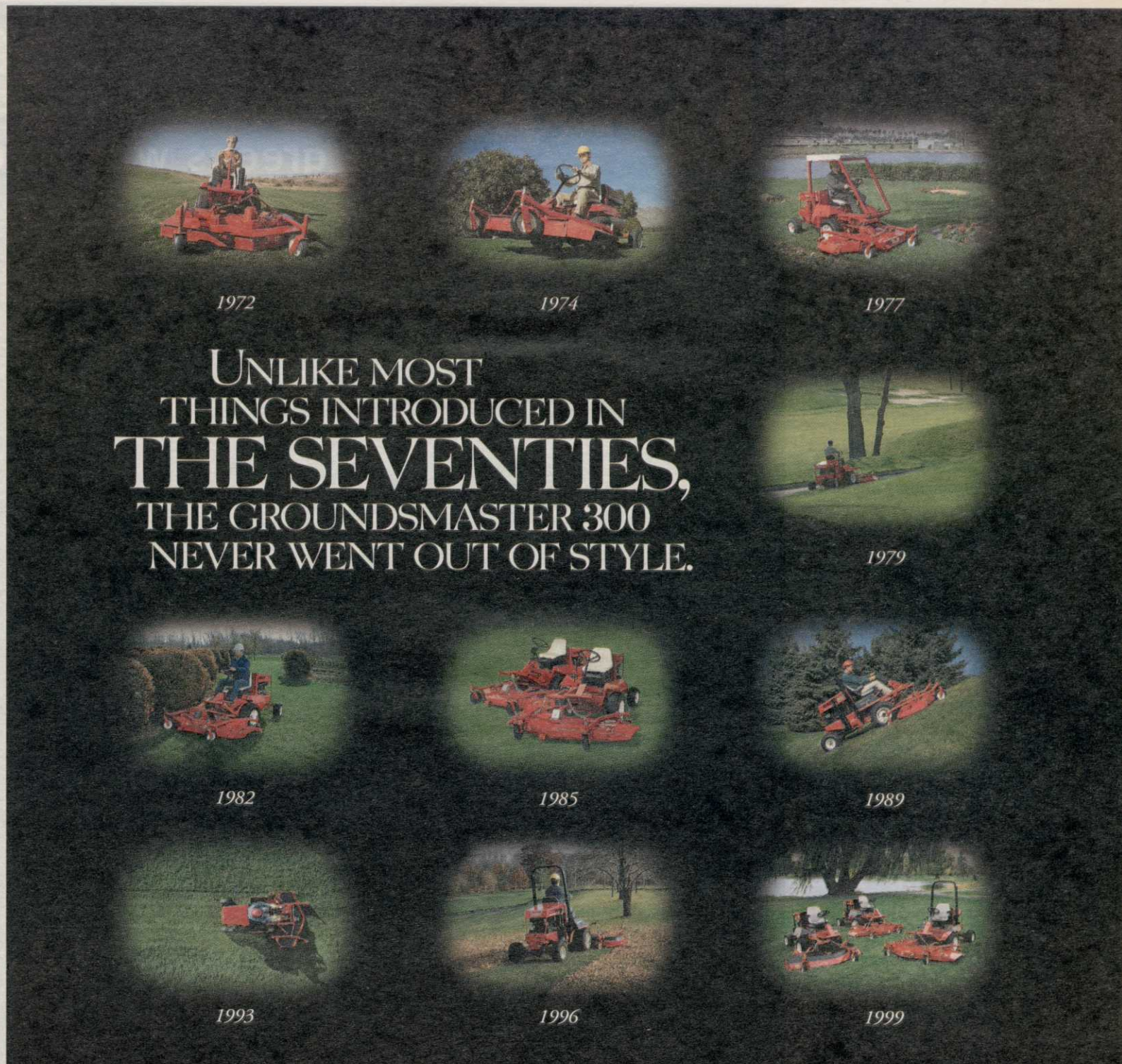
The course is expected to open Oct. 1. Work should begin shortly on a 20,000-square-foot clubhouse.

GNGC purchases Minn. golf course

STACY, Minn. — The Great Northern Golf Company (GNGC) has purchased the Falcon Ridge Golf Course here. Falcon Ridge is a public, daily-fee course with an 18-hole regulation course and a 9-hole executive layout. Stacy is 40 minutes north of downtown Minneapolis.

Other facilities owned by GNGC included The Pines at Lake Isabella in Weidman, Mich., and The Bridger Creek Golf Course in Bozeman, Mont.

Principals of the GNGC include PGA professionals Joe Schumer (Michigan Section) and Mark Holiday (Rocky Mountain Section), and GCSAA member Dane Gamble (Peaks and Prairies chapter).



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