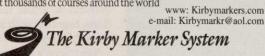
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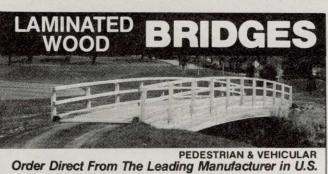
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Leiweke leaves First Tee program

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is interim executive director and hopes to take over the reins permanently. Having spent the previous 10 years in the consulting and fund-raising business, Stachitis began as a consultant to the First Tee and "became so smitten with it, that I joined it," he said.

First Tee's purpose is to create facilities and programs that make golf more affordable and accessible, with a strong emphasis on introducing youths of all races and economic backgrounds to golf. Founded by the World Golf Foundation, its major sponsors are the PGA Tour, U.S. Golf Associating, Augusta National Golf Club, PGA of America and Ladies Professional Golf Association.

Earlier this year, in a special report in Golf Course News, Leiweke said the program "continues to make excellent progress toward achieving our initial twoyear goal of 100 facilities by end of the year 2000."

Stachitis reported that the First Tee has 34 projects under contract and another 47 under memorandum of under-

"We fully expect to make that 100," he said. "We anticipate another 30 facilities to open next summer. We're in 39 states, Montreal and Puerto Rico.