

MGM, Primadonna merge assets

LAS VEGAS— MGM Grand, Inc. and Primadonna Resorts, Inc. have approved, in principle, MGM Grand's acquisition of Primadonna in an all-stock transaction. The merger is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 1999.

Primadonna Resorts, Inc. is an entertainment, hotel and gam-

ing company. Primadonna owns Whiskey Pete's, Buffalo Bill's and the Primm Valley Resort in Primm, Nev., two championship courses in California, and a 50-percent interest in the New York - New York Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nev.

MGM Grand, Inc. is an entertainment, hotel and gaming com-

pany headquartered in Las Vegas. The company operates the MGM Grand Hotel/Casino there, the MGM Grand Hotel/Casino in Darwin, Australia, owns a 50-percent interest in New York - New York and manages casinos in South Africa.

The terms of the merger provide for Primadonna's stockholders to receive 0.33 shares of MGM Grand common stock for

each share of Primadonna stock held, or a total of approximately 9.5 million shares of MGM Grand common stock. The transaction is subject to the execution of a definitive merger agreement, Primadonna shareholder approval and the satisfaction of various conditions to be contained in the merger agreement, including obtaining certain regulatory approvals.

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Members are encouraged to bring cell phones when golfing. If an emergency occurs, a golfer can go to the nearest out-of-bounds post and call the appropriate emergency number. "The way cell phone calls are routed," Taeger said, "you may want to ask the nearest fire department for the appropriate emergency number. The fire department then proceeds to that address and runs directly onto the golf course and emergency scene."

Taeger uses a stainless steel tape writer, which costs \$200, to make tags. Each contains the address and emergency response phone number, then is nailed to the back of the 4- by 4-inch post.

Two recent emergencies led to the brainstorming and address tags. Last spring a member died of a heart attack on the 6th tee. Then, in August, a member of the club president Robert Flaherty's foursome was stung in the leg by a bee and collapsed, with shallow breathing and a slow heart beat.

In the case of the heart-attack victim, the emergency response time did not contribute to his death, but the call to the "6th tee" caused confusion, Taeger said.

When the bee-sting incident was called in, emergency personnel responded quickly and saved the day. Soon afterward, Flaherty told Taeger of his frustration in trying to describe to the fire department how to get to the emergency site.

"Together, we formulated the idea of labeling the stakes," Taeger said. "We consulted the fire department and they agreed the idea had merit."

Defibrillators

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tions alone will probably not prevent you from being held liable if a patron dies while a defibrillator sits idly by.

As AEDs become cheaper and more commonplace, you should be alert to the benefits and costs to your facility. Course operators should carefully consider the issues raised in this article and others, such as the age of their golfing clientele and the reliability of local emergency response systems, before deciding to make an AED part of their emergency plans. Consult your insurer, if not an attorney, before doing so.

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