

Palmer Management takes over Washington facility

SNOHOMISH COUNTY, Wash.—The Kayak Point Golf Course lease has been assigned to Arnold Palmer Golf Management.

Kayak Point is one of only two Western Washington courses named to *Golf Digest's* list of America's 50 Best Public Golf Courses. The course covers 250 acres of a 650-acre county park located on Puget Sound.

Along with the lease assignment and facility improvements, Palmer Golf also announced Rob Lindsey, a veteran general manager and PGA Class A Professional, as the new general manager.

Palmer has also reached a long-term agreement to operate Walden Golf Club, its third course in Maryland, and will immediately begin enhancement of the golf course and clubhouse facilities. Last month, Palmer Golf acquired Bay Hills Golf Club in nearby Arnold, Md.

"Walden solidifies our ever-growing presence in the market

and is a wonderful addition to our growing network of Baltimore and Washington, DC area courses," said Joe Redling, Chief Operating Officer at Palmer Golf.

Walden Golf Club is located on the historic Johns Hopkins Estate in Anne Arundel County, Md. The Walden Golf Course has modifications to an original Robert Trent Jones concept, added by

architect Lindsay Ervin.

Jim Ellison, vice president of agronomy of Palmer Golf said, "We are very interested in having the opportunity to bring a Robert Trent Jones design back to its original condition. Robert Trent Jones was a visionary and one of the premier designers of our time. Our plan is to make several improvements that will

bring back the splendor and enhance his spectacular layout. Among the improvements planned, are additional maintenance equipment that will improve detailing and overall course conditions, drainage on the 12th tee, additional irrigation, fairway drainage and reconditioning over 50 bunkers."

In addition to course improvements, Palmer Golf's plans include refurbishment of the club-

house such as exterior paint, roof repair, retail store updating, a new restaurant menu, signage, expanded pro shop and new interior decor.

Along with the purchase and facility improvements, Palmer Golf also announced Bob Foster, a 10-year golf management veteran and PGA Class A Professional, will be joining Walden Golf Club as the new general manager and director of golf.

Proposed Calif. links in limbo

HILL CANYON, Calif. — A proposed public course in the Thousand Oaks area has drawn sharp criticism from both residents and environmentalists and a Jan. 29 workshop failed to reach a compromise between city officials and their critics.

Environmentalists claim the project will require removing too many trees and endanger three acres of wetlands. The city claims the development will ease overcrowding at the city's Los Robles Golf Course and help preserve open land.

The City of Hill Canyon has teamed with the Conejo Recreation and Parks District to develop the 284-acre, \$16.2 million project. The proposed development calls for a golf course, nature center, wetland preserve and hiking trails.

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SCOTTSDALE, Ariz.— In Celebration of Golf Management (ICGM), a golf course management company, recently secured management contracts for both the Legacy and MeadowBrook golf clubs. ICGM has signed a three-year management contract with each of the courses that will begin with the supervision of the construction process and will continue through the courses' opening. The Legacy will be a daily-fee, par-72 course designed by Gary Pank that is scheduled to open October 1999. MeadowBrook will be a daily-fee, par-71 Dick Bailey-design scheduled to open October 1999.

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