

August 6, 1971

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Messrs: Gino Torcellini
Vince Paccadolmi
Ray Phelan
Judge Reed Shields *

FROM: Don Brooks

Re: Ridgefield Public Golf Course

Today I had a long conversation on the telephone with George Fazio with regard to the architecture on our course. At the present time Mr. Fazio is in the process of making some changes at Wingfoot in preparation for the 1974 US Open. He plans a trip to Wingfoot within the next two or three weekends and has advised that he will be willing to meet with our Committee on a Friday. In return I told him that at least some members of our Committee would be available to show him our site and talk with him.

I was extremely impressed with some of his approaches to architecture, and with his approach toward satisfying his customer. He works on a straight 10% of the estimated cost of the course. He then establishes a ceiling on the estimate so that his charges will not rise above the estimate in the event problems arise and more money is needed for construction costs not estimated. After hearing a description of the land we have available he estimated our cost to be \$350,000 and \$500,000 depending upon what we want. I mentioned we were probably after a course ranging in yardage from 6200 to 6600 or so but of design that we can be proud of. His immediate response was that we may want to go shorter than 6200 simply to accommodate early Spring and late Fall cold weather play. (I agreed).

A number of his other approaches sounded very interesting and I will inform you of them at our meeting on August 16 at 8:30 P.M. when, as you know, Harry Eckhoff of the National Golf Foundation will possibly meet with^{us} Note: In the event Mr. Eckhoff cannot be with us on August 16 we will cancel this meeting in favor of his schedule.

DON BROOKS

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*P.S. I am very interested in learning any information you might have with regard to revenue bond financing. I wonder if you could call me at home some evening?