

IT'S TEE TIME!...



Royal Woodbine to host TPC

Nestled in the Mimico Creek Valley, where Highways 401 and 427 meet, Royal Woodbine one of the finest courses anywhere in the Greater Toronto area.

Starting at the 1st tee, this championship golf course winds its way north in a links style fashion with the front nine being played on the west side of the creek and the back nine returning on the creek's east side.

The reaction of most golfers who play it for the first time is disbelief that such a scenic, well maintained golf course could be built right in the heart of Etobicoke.

Royal Woodbine was purchased in 1992 by a group of Toronto businessmen who had over 25 years of experience in the golf business. Run primarily as a pay-as-you-play facility in 1992 and 1993, Royal Woodbine gained a reputation as a challenging layout with superb conditioning.

In 1994 Royal Woodbine will round out their program as a championship facility. In addition to their challenging and expertly maintained golf course, they will be adding a luxurious new

clubhouse which will be ready for the beginning of the 1994 golf season, as well as an innovative practice and teaching facility. The clubhouse will provide a tasteful yet informal environment. Club tournaments, golf clinics and social functions will all serve to enhance the warm family feeling of the club. The amenities found in the clubhouse will be comparable to those found at surrounding private clubs, including a dining room and lounge, men's and women's locker facilities with lounge areas, meeting areas suitable for both business and social gatherings, and a fully-stocked proshop.

The course is 18 holes of championship calibre, painstakingly designed by Dr Michael Hurdzan, internationally acclaimed course architect of Devil's Pulpit, and Devil's Paintbrush. The turf is bent-grass from tee to green and features water on 17 holes, and 75 bunkers filled with fine grain sand.

The course is designed in such a way as to allow four variation in length. From the championship markers you will find 6,446 yards of the most challenging golf in Ontario, tough enough to test even single digit handicappers. Royal Woodbine will also test the accuracy of the straightest hitter and the mind of the keenest strategist. From the regular tees golfers face 6,100 yards of the nicest scenery south of Caledon hills.

"Because of our low debt, superior location, and 12 month operation, Royal Woodbine is able to offer our members a top notch facility, reasonable fees and quality service 12 months of the year" says Managing director Arnold Porter.

In July of 1994, Royal Woodbine Golf Club will be host to the Infiniti Tournament Players Challenge (TPC)

Being a course of its calibre, Royal Woodbine seems like the perfect location for this prestigious event, the second largest men's event in Canada.

Having originated in 1984 at Brampton's Castlemore GCC, the inaugural TPC had a first prize of only \$5,000, and was won by a Canadian Tour player named Frank Edmonds. He fired a three round total of 209, to set the pace for all winners that followed. The event moved to Victoria BC, and back again to Ontario, and Castlemore, again. It has since stayed in Ontario, moving from The Twenty Valley GCC in Vineland, in 1988, and out to the Brampton GCC in 1989, where one of the longest playoffs (4 holes) was played between Canada's Dave Barr, and Australian Mark Officer, with Dave Barr coming out the winner. Going next to Meadowvale GCC in Stouffville, Dave Barr lost his title, and the \$18,000 winners cheque, to American Ernie Gonzalez. 1991 marked a time of change for the TPC, with longtime friend of golf, Nissan Canada's Infiniti Division, taking over as its title sponsor.

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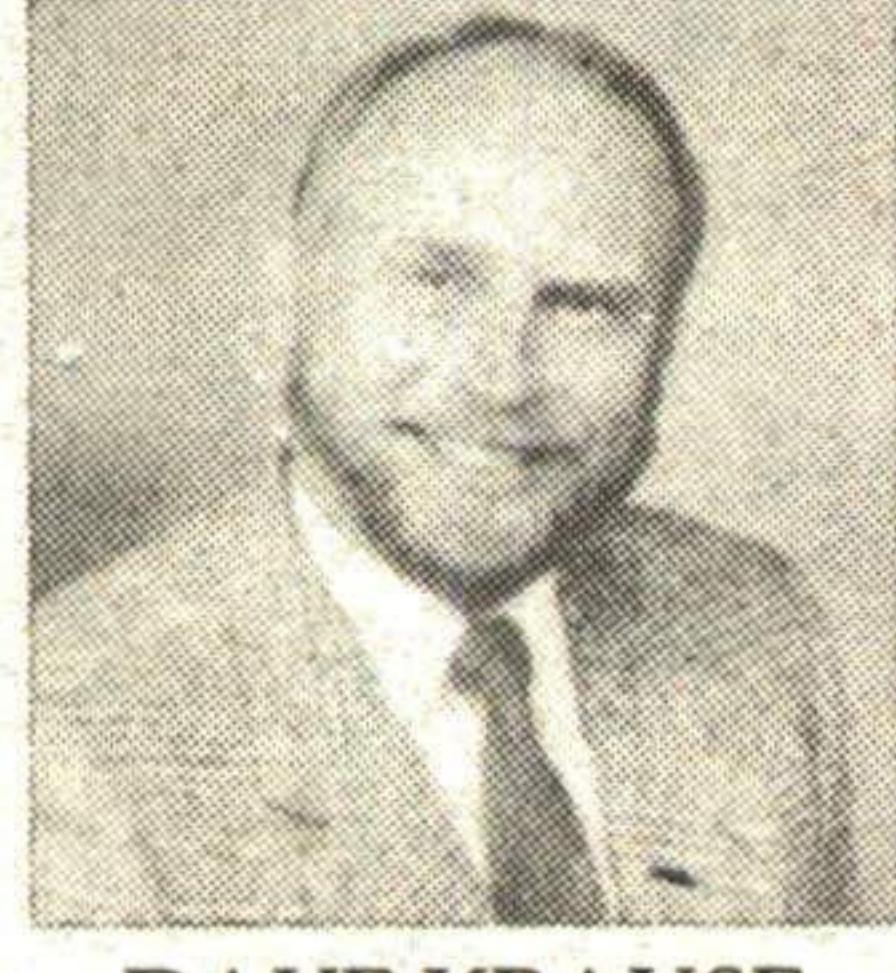
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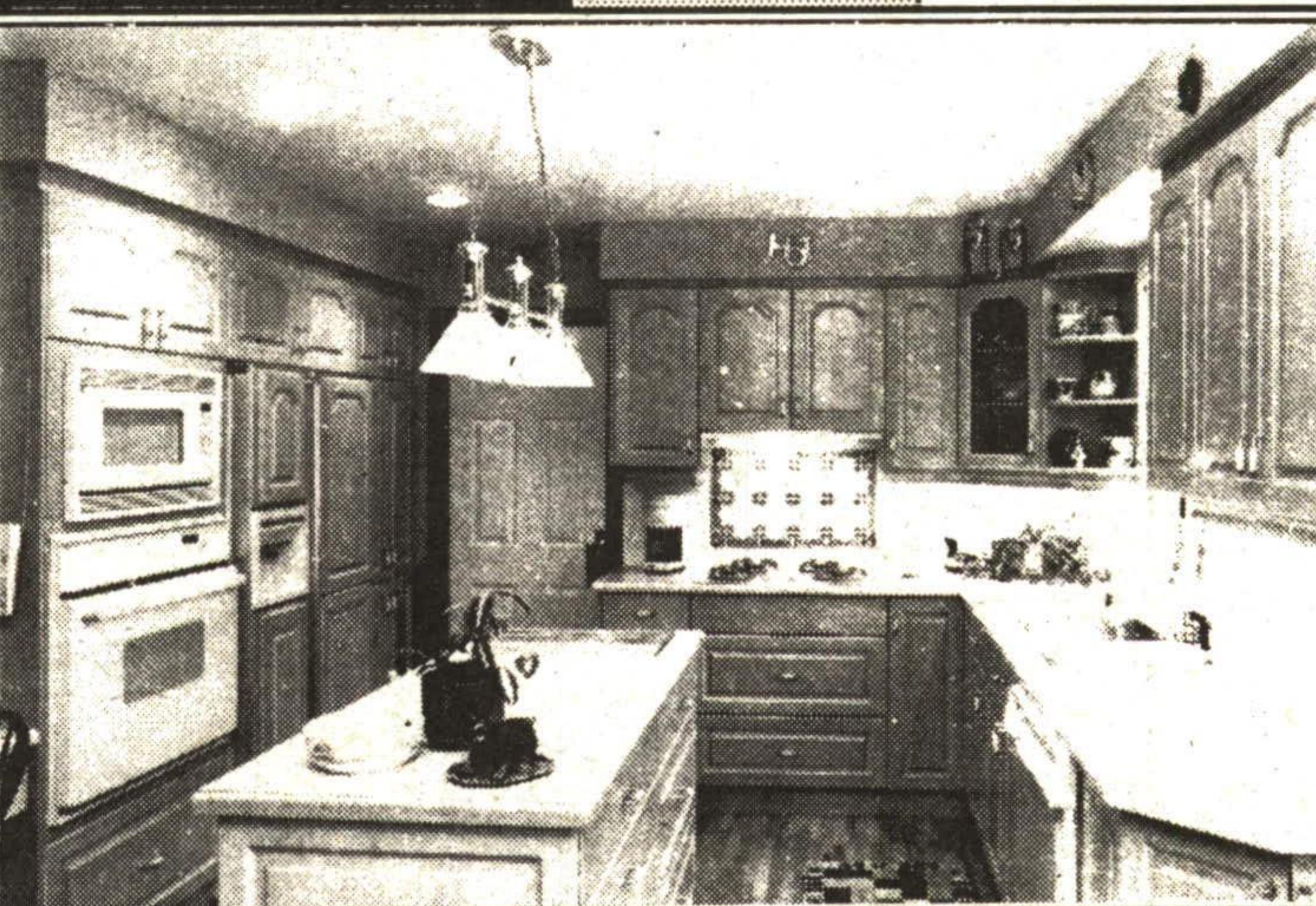
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