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Red Fox Buyer Once Played For St. Louis Browns

Gene Holbrook, the man who has a contract to purchase Red Fox Country Club, once played for the St. Louis Browns minor league baseball team.

But he left baseball. It didn't

pay enough.

In the four decades since then he has made plenty of money as a developer in Cabarrus County, northeast of Charlotte. Enough that he said he doesn't plan to take a salary from Red Fox Country Club once he owns it.

Closing should take place sometime around August 1st, he said in an interview Monday from his office in Myrtle Beach.

Holbrook has been in Columbus a lot recently, meeting with the Red Fox Property Owners' committee and members of The

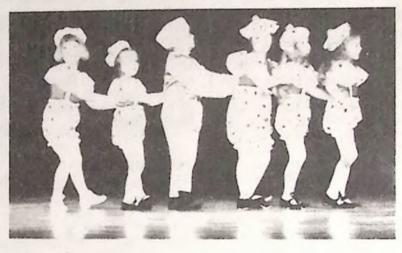
Club at Red Fox.

He said he has described his plans to them: club members will not have to pay new initiation fees to continue as members; the course will be refurbished; and Holbrook hopes eventually enough members will join to take Red Fox entirely private.

But as he described his plans, which he said he will first unveil in detail for members at a dinner sometime after closing, Holbrook said he met some skepticism.

"One man said, 'We've heard all of this before," Holbrook recalled. "They have lived for

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Terrific Tappers

Part of the dance recital at Discovery House of The Arts, Inc., Expo '92 included performances by (from left), Nikki Kimbrell, Katie Wall, Cale Burrell, Allie Machella, Autumn Horton, and Sara Mosseller.

Registration for fall semester dance classes will be held in September at Discovery House, 15 Walnut Street, Tryon. Programs at the facility are funded in part by local contributions and by a Grassroots Grant from the N.C. Arts Council.

-Community Reporter

Local Equestrian Olympic Connection

Local riding instructor Annette Murphy has four former students competing for Bermuda in the Olympic equestrian events in Barcelona.

Peter Gray, riding on the 3-day Event Team, is the most experienced, this being his fourth Olympics. He has also been on two Pan Am Games teams, winning team and individual medals.

Annette taught Peter through

his Pony Club years in Bermuda, where she was Chief Instructor, culminating in his achieving his Pony Club A rating in England.

M.J. Tumbridge and Nicola Desousa were also members of the Bermuda Pony Club for several years. M.J. is now based in Maryland and has been very successful with two Advanced Event horses. Nicola settled in England and has had much success there campaigning three

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The weekend weather: Friday high 86, low 70, hum. 72 percent, and 1.22 inches of rain fell; Saturday, high 92, low 69, hum. 65 percent and .04 inches of rain fell; Sunday high

rain fell; Saturday, high 92, low 69, hum. 65 percent and .04 inches of rain fell; Sunday high 89, low 70, hum. 62 percent and .18 inches of rain fell. By Monday morning, another .2 inches of rain had fallen.

Art Champlin of Tryon has been following the recent Curb discussions of animals' ability to navigate. He was recently in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park staying at an inn in the mountains on the Tennessee side of the park.

A bear and her three cubs were the talk of the inn guests and staff. Apparently the bears had become too casual around humans, digging through the dumpster and even trying to make their way into the indoor swimming pool.

So park rangers captured the bears and moved them clear across the 520,000-acre park, over the mountains into North Carolina and released them.

Guess what? Three weeks later they were back at the same dumpster having break-fast.

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