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CITY AND AMERICAN GOLF CORP. TO PAY \$165,000 TO SNUG HARBOR MAN AND WIFE FOR INJURIES DUE TO FALL.

JURY AWARDS SNUG HARBOR MAN AND WIFE \$165,000 FOR INJURIES SUSTAINED IN TRIP AND FALL IN LOCKER ROOM OF SILVER LAKE GOLF COURSE.

(Names Redacted to Protect the Privacy Concerns of the Client)

On Wednesday, May 23, 2001, a Staten Island jury awarded Mr. R. of Tysen Avenue of the Snug Harbor section of Staten Island, the sum of \$155 THOUSAND DOLLARS for shoulder injuries he sustained when he fell on a loose drain cover in the locker room of the Silver Lake Golf Course. The golf course, which is owned by the City of New York, was being managed by American Golf Corporation at the time of the accident. The jury also awarded Mrs. R., Mr. R's wife, the sum of \$10,000 for her husband's loss of services.

The accident occurred at approximately 5:20 AM on May 6, 1995 in the locker room in the clubhouse of the Silver Lake Golf Course located at 915 Victory Boulevard. Mr. R claimed that as he was walking out of the locker room, he stepped on a corroded drain cover located in the middle of the floor of the exit from the locker room. The drain cover dislodged causing his foot to sink into the drain and causing him to fall. Mr. R suffered a dislocated shoulder, tears to the tendons in his shoulder and a laceration to his hand requiring stitches.

The jury returned its verdict after previously finding the City and the American Golf Corporation negligent for failing to adequately maintain the drain. The jury deliberated for two hours before returning their award.

Thomas A. Tormey, Jr., a Staten Island attorney with an office in Manhattan, represented Mr. and Mrs. R. Edward Schwendemann of the Manhattan law firm of Peltz & Walker represented the City of New York and the American Golf Corporation. The case was tried before the Honorable Anthony I. Giacobbe in the New York State Supreme Court located at the Home Port Courthouse in Staten Island.