Grove Park Inn renovates course
Grove Park Inn and Country Club in Asheville, N.C., has completed major renovation of its 18-hole golf course. The region's oldest private resort course opened in 1894 as the Asheville Country Club. Willie Parker Jr. was the original architect. Donald Ross remodelled the layout in the early 1900s.

In this latest renovation, the fairways, greens and tees of the back nine were redesigned and updated. Greens were rebuilt to USGA specifications, and drainage and irrigation systems improved. Landscapes treatments included addition of 700 trees and asphalt cart paths.

The 8th hole at Cedar Creek Golf Course in Onalaska, Wis., designed by Bob Lohrmann and built by Midwest Golf Development, includes a two-tier fairway over rolling terrain that rewards a strategically placed tee shot with a shorter shot to the green. The 8th hole above is a 360-yard par 4. Lohrmann feels it is a challenging and fun hole for both scratch and high-handicap golfers.

Blackwolf Run opens third nine
A third nine holes, called The Meadow Course, opened July 1 as an addition to Blackwolf Run Golf Course in Kohler, Wis., which was Golf Digest's "Best New Public Course of 1988.

Designed by Pete Dye, the 27 holes include the River Course, characterized by glacial deposits and the meandering Sheboygan River, and the Valley Course, highlighted by the Sheboygan River and Weeden Creek valleys.

The Meadow Course is just west of the Wolf River on land previously part of Kohler Farms.

"The Meadow Course features openness with a forest backdrop, an endless panorama of meadows and golf holes, gently rolling hills, and a lake which comes into play on four of the holes," said Alice Hubbard, manager of the Sports Club and Blackwolf Run. "If you don't see some of the deer, ducks, geese and fox that inhabit the area, you're probably concentrating too seriously on golf."

Blackwolf Run will add a fourth nine by mid-1990 to become a full 36-hole championship course and will expand its clubhouse, said John Green, manager-landscape for Kohler Co.

"We're currently working on the rough shaping of the fourth nine including the bunkers, greens and tees," Green said. "We plan to seed by September of this year."

The project also includes clubhouse and pro shop expansion.

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An island green on No. 7, a waterfall and creek on No. 16, greenside water on 15, 12 and 2 all add spice to play, as does water that comes into play off the tee and in front of the green on the 18th hole. Multiple tees were built so golfers could match the tee shot value to their ability.