A densely forested 192 acres over rolling topography challenged architect Jerry Matthews of Matthews & Associates in his design of Timber Ridge Golf Course in Bath Township of East Lansing, Mich.

Timber Ridge Development Co. plans to open the 18-hole, par-72 public course in May. The course covers 6,655 yards on the back tees, 6,300 on middle and 5,245 on forward tees. Matthews points to the course's picturesque views, especially from the elevated 10th and 11th tees, and the privacy along the heavily forested area, as unique features.

Two natural ponds mean three water holes on the front nine and four on the back nine. And the site includes an 88-foot elevation change and 61 bunkers.

Kidwell, Hurdzan finish courses

Several golf courses around the country designed by Kidwell & Hurdzan, Inc. will open this year — from the resurrected Carolina Trace course in West Harrison, Ind., to the 27 holes in a tidewater area for the open this year—from the resurrected Carolina Trace course. Kidwell & Hurdzan designed by Kidwell & Hurdzan, Inc. will take shape in Ontario now called Grand Oak; Baker Reserve Golf Club in Powell, Ohio; Cedarbrook Golf Club in Belle Vernon, Pa.; Boone Links in mature woods, with four holes across ponds a tunnel under Interstate 70.

Jerry Matthews designed this scenic 18-hole Timber Ridge course amid a heavily wooded 192 acres.

Two Carrick courses take shape in Ontario

Douglas Carrick of Robinson & Carrick Associates Ltd. has designed two new courses that are being built in Ontario, Canada — one involving pro Curtis Strange as a design advisor for the first time in North America. Both courses are scheduled to be completed in August and to open in 1990.

Strange is involved with Carrick in designing the King Valley Golf and Country Club course in Snowball. The 18-hole, 6,801-yard layout traverses wooded and rolling terrain, and water is in play on seven holes. Bruce S. Evans is building the course for the owner, King Valley Investments. Rolling terrain at the base of the Niagara escarpment is Carrick's challenge for the Greystones Golf and Country Club in Milton, Ontario. The 18-hole, 6,800-yard course will be owned by Marcel Gasparetto and George Schram.

Lohman helping on back 9 at Settler's Hill Golf Club

Lohmann Golf Designs of Crystal Lake, Ill., has announced it will assist in designing and building the back nine at Settler's Hill Golf Club in Batavia, Ill. Tim Miles, president of John Jacob's Golf Management, will oversee design and construction.

Bob Lohman feels the result of the combined efforts of Miles and Lohmann Golf Designs will be a challenging and fair course. The course is the first in Illinois to be built on a landfill.

Our research shows the demand for golf courses in the U.S. is such that some 4,500 new courses will be needed by the Year 2000. This averages out to 375 per year. Unfortunately, the current rate is closer to 125 per year.

Clearly, golf course construction is not keeping pace with demand, especially in the public/municipal sector where the bulk of the demand is occurring. Recognizing the impact this imbalance could have on the future growth and enjoyment of the game, the National Golf Foundation has developed programs to help communities realize the many benefits of golf course development. Please contact us to learn how the NGF can help your community assess and meet its public golf course needs.