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Wadsworth voted No. 1 builder of '89

BY PETER BLAIS

"We've always felt that how well we've done our job depends on how the architects see what we've accomplished. We want to see them get what they want out of their design."

That's how company founder and chairman of the board Brent Wadsworth explains the success of Wadsworth Golf Construction Co., voted 1989 Builder of the Year in Golf Course News' survey of architects.

Subsurface injection project wins raves

BY MARK LESLIE

The success of work on equipment that injects pesticides below the surface of the turf where grubs live should prod researchers to develop a wide range of new products to fight pests.

Florida project targets families

BY MARK LESLIE

The family orientation of a proposed golf facility turned it from a loser to a winner in the zoning process and will turn it into a reality this spring in Orlando, Fla.

Golf Unlimited's Jack Irwin, "and met with homeowners and told them the facility would enhance, not hurt, their neighborhood. We went back to the commission with neighborhood support and got unanimous (5-0) approval."

The turning point, Irwin believes, came when neighbors realized the project will stress the family.

"We planned it with the family in mind," he said. "Dad can bring the kids out and teach them or let them play miniature golf while he and his wife are playing."

It is a concept Irwin expects to continue working with. He already plans a second family golf center in Orlando and may look for other opportunities working out of his Orlando and Knoxville, Tenn., offices.

The idea of lighting a course has been successful at two facilities in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and another in Daytona, Fla.

But the Orlando project is believed the first with its particular amenities.

"We'll give the average player — who can't afford to belong to a country club and works all day — and the beginner a chance to play in the winter and summer. It will be great for seniors," Irwin said.

The longest of the nine holes will be 160 yards, and Irwin said: "The lights will be very high-quality; you'll be able to follow the flight of the ball all the way. It will be a first-class course with wall-to-wall irrigation..."
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Correction
In the November commentary by former American Society of Golf Course Architects President Michael Hurzdan about professional golfers designing courses, a quote was attributed to Robert Trent Jones Sr. instead of its originator — Robert Tyre Jones Jr., the great professional better known as "Bobby" Jones.
The quote: "I think (Alister) Mackenzie and I manage to work as a completely sympathetic team. Of course, there was never any question that he was the architect and I his advisor and consultant. No man learns to design a golf course simply by playing golf, no matter how well."

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"... And we have an excellent architect in Loyd Clifton and Associates of Deland, Fla.
The driving range will have target greens, while the tees will have both natural grass and mats and will be heated and cooled according to the season.
A 50,000-square-foot putting green will serve as an 18-hole putting course with holes from 20 to 100 feet apart.
Irwin also plans to provide lessons at the facility as part of his philosophy to "market it for the whole family."