Wright was heaven-sent at Ontario’s Devil’s Pulpit

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“Yesterday it was up in the 90s, yet in the shady spots there’s still frost on the ground.”

“The Pulpit has bentgrass on tees, greens and fairways, bluegrass in the rough and fescue outside the rough.”

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"It’s an awesome piece of property. It’s out of sight,” Wright said. "The Pulpit has 315 acres and they’ve used about the whole property. From our point of view it’s definitely going to cost more to maintain than your average 18-hole golf course just because of its size and the amount of sprinklers. I know we’ve got over 600 people here (Pulpit)." "When Chris bragged that Devil’s Pulpit would be considered for the Canadian Open in three years, we looked at it as an utterance from a great dreamer, which he is," said Hurdzan. "But now I think that the RCGA (Royal Canadian Golf Association) is seriously looking at it as a Canadian Open site.

Hansy's character, his colleagues say, put him into whatever project he’s involved in. When one of those projects turned out to be a golf course, nothing changed.

"I like what I'm doing and have more than enough time and energy," said Wright.

"I'm spending 12 hours a day here, but I can't wait to get here in the morning."