

## Harvard Graduate School of Design offers special study in golf course development

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — The Harvard Graduate School of Design has invited golf consultant Jim McLoughlin to present a mid-June course of study on the general subject of Golf Course Development.

The curriculum will be developed and presented through McLoughlin's two firms: The McLoughlin Group, a golf consulting firm, and Double Eagle Enterprises, a golf development company.

The course is designed for present and future developers, counselors to developers, investors and government regulators/planners. It will ad-

dress defining feasibility studies, minimum site requirements, regulations and approvals, model business plans, the critical importance of master-site planning, public and private financing, construction parameters, sample model schedules and summary reasons why projects fail.

Guest Speaker Thomas J. Boczar is one of the country's leading public finance lawyers and a principal within Double Eagle Enterprises.

Boczar will address the topic of financing public and private golf course development projects.

## N.J. site a challenge to Fazio

GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP, N.J. — With major development approvals now in hand, Galloway National Golf Club has begun accepting membership applications, according to Vernon W. Hill, II, chairman of the club at this Jersey shore community just outside of Atlantic City.

Almost three years into the approval process, the \$10 million, 18-hole championship golf course designed by Tom Fazio has received the necessary approvals from Galloway Township, Atlantic County

and the state of New Jersey. That clears every hurdle necessary to get the project underway this year.

"Some of the factors that will make this a very special golf course were among those that held up the approval process," said Hill, "including location in an environmentally attractive but sensitive sea-shore area."

Fazio said it will not be a course "with only one or two signature holes. It will have many outstanding holes, but more significant will be the overall quality of the entire golf... experience."

## Turf schools

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erally spend four or five months at MSU before moving on to another American school, he said.

Rogers and other American educators spoke at a 1989 turf show in Tokyo. Delegates were so impressed that 35 of them later traveled to MSU for a one-day seminar, Rogers said.

Americans have been imported to fill the agronomic gap in Japan. However, they are generally drawn to the higher-paying construction jobs rather than the lower-paying, daily-maintenance positions.

Golf course superintendent is not a high-profile job in Japan. It is not viewed as a specialty, said Dennis Vogt, Dye Designs International's director of maintenance. The pay scale is low compared to other occupations, Vogt added.

"I don't see the situation changing much. The Japanese superintendent will get better as he works with Americans, gains experience, makes trips abroad and attends seminars. But few Americans will work there as day-to-day superintendents," he said.

The situation is even worse in a country like Thailand, Fream noted. The pay is generally low, around \$600 per month. That is not attractive to Americans nor enough to encourage native Thais to seek more education.

Some turf education and research is being done in China, Watson said. Turfgrass research plots are being maintained at the University of Beijing with the help of American companies like Jacklin Seed Co. and International Seeds Inc. Dr. Peter S. Hu, retired director of the Beijing Botanical Institute, has also conducted educational seminars, he added.

"But for the most part, education continues to come from the outside," Watson said.

Even fewer educational opportunities are available in Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore and the rest of Southeast Asia, Watson said. Americans continue to dominate the construction and better-paying daily-maintenance positions in those countries as well.

Pennsylvania State University turfgrass management graduates can be found on construction sites in Asia, according to George Hamilton, program coordinator.

Occasionally they work on construction projects where they meet local people interested in turf studies. Often they refer them to Penn State and some end up attending it.

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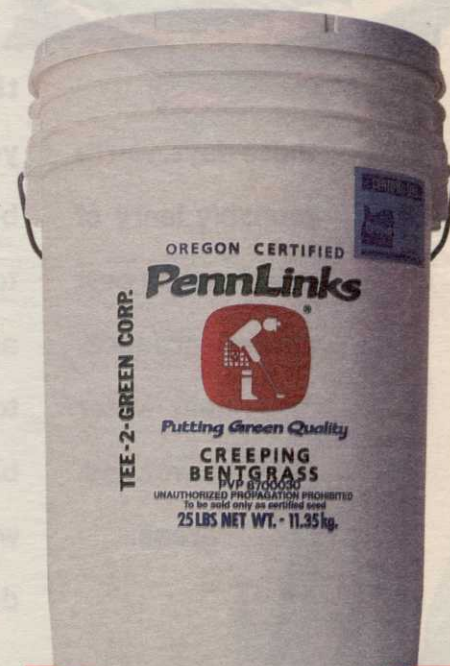
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