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The Retirement Systems of Alabama is financing the ambitious trail complex, comprising four 54-hole and two 36-hole facilities under construction in Auburn/Opelika, Birmingham, Calhoun County, Dothan, Greenville, Huntsville and Mobile. All are scheduled to open within the year.

From the colorful cover capturing the water at Lagoon Park in Montgomery, to a biography of golf legend Jones by editor Kenneth Mullinax, to entertaining contributions by writers Ray Ford and Lynn Fulman, the magazine packs much useful information, including interesting capsules of the new courses. Referring to Alabama as "The State of Surprises," the authors may not be far off the mark. Golf activity there has received little attention nationally. A project spanning the state with a hefty price tag catches a reader's eye.

It states boldly that there is more to "ZBama than the Red Tide football teams of Coach Bear Bryant vintage.

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the newly enlarged greens.

Petersen could not begin employment full-time until last Oct. 1, so he flew to Baltimore each weekend during September to coordi- nate and implement the renovation process. As the frequent flyer miles improved, so did the greens.

"We used the Verti-Drain three times, us- ing solid soils so the undesirable subsoil would not be brought to the surface. The holes were filled with straight sand along with the thatch layer after the sod was re moved," Petersen said. "We did not remove the sod at Prairie Dunes, but did at BCC, proving that each club's renovation must adapt to its local condition.

Factors in the decision include:

• The amount of thatch. If there is a lot, the sod usually should be stripped.
• The feeling by some superintendents that stripping sod will change green contours.
• The "gut feeling" of club members.

Seeding rates with Pennlinks were three- fourths pound pure live seed in two direc- tions per 1,000 square feet. Petersen had the luxury of closing the course as his members played on the other 18-hole layout.

ONE MORE SUCCESS STORY

Mark A. Yoder of Scioto Country Club in Columbus, Ohio, recently renovated his greens with another unique set of circum- stances. Scioto was designed by Ross in 1916 and was remodeled in the early 1990s by Dick Wilson, who fully restored the bunkers and putting surfaces to their original design.

In the last 30 years, the greens had become about 80 percent poa annua. He stripped the sod at Prairie Dunes, but did at BCC, finding that the "original" sand/topsoil delin- eation, repaired and/or added drainage pipe, and then re-sodded the sand bunker banks and in between the greens and bunkers with bluegrass.

Meanwhile, he built temporary greens, from scratch, on the par-3s that did not al- ready have bentgrass fairways, and then sodded them. The 150-yard markers were relo- cated in relation to the temporary green locations; the temporary course was laser- measured for scorecards; the course was played from one set of tee markers instead of the customary three sets; the ladies still teed off from their respective markers; and the membership was kept happy.

Yoder took advantage of having the greens closed during renovation by restoring all the greenside sand bunkers. He stripped the sod, found the original sand/topsoil delin- eation, repaired and/or added drainage pipe, and then re-sodded the sand bunker banks and in between the greens and bunkers with bluegrass.

On the other course, he closed the regulation greens the third week of August 1991 and chose not to strip the sod off. His procedure was similar to the other clubs in that he used methyl bro- mide. Deep-sterilization, accomplished the two previous fall's, was repeated before re- seeding with Pennlinks. A pythium preven- tive application of a granular Subdue was applied for added insurance.

The green contours were not changed, another advantage of doing this type of reno- vation to maintain the original character of the course design.

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