GROUND BROKEN AT KUEHN SITE

Construction is well underway at the Country Club of Wisconsin, a new 7,000-yard public golf course, located in Grafton, Wis. The actual golf course site is only a 20-minute drive from downtown Milwaukee. The course is being built by The Bruce Company of Middleton, Wis. Work began last November for an anticipated Spring 1994 opening. The golf course is being designed by Mattingly Kuehn Golf Design, Inc. of Grafton, Wis. The architectural firm is also supervising the construction.

CHANGE OF VENUE FOR FORSE

The golf course design consulting firm Forse Design has moved, according to president Ronald E. Forse. The company’s new address is 45 East Main St., Suite 200, Uniontown, Pa. 15401; telephone 412-438-1727.

NICKLAUS MUSEUM IN THE WORKS

DUBLIN, Ohio — The Jack Nicklaus Private Operating Foundation has announced plans to develop the Jack Nicklaus Museum adjacent to the Muirfield Village Golf Club in Nicklaus’ native Ohio. Organized by friends of the Nicklaus family and business associates, the $5 million museum will exhibit to the public for the first time Nicklaus’ private collection of trophies, awards, scorecards, art, photos, books, film and other golf and personal memorabilia collected during his lifetime. Said Nicklaus: “I am grateful to the organizers of the museum, and I will also offer memorabilia for use by other golf museums and Halls of Fame.”

DYE NAMES GLORSO PROJECT MANAGER

THAI MUANG, THAILAND — Dean Glorso of Dean Glorso International has been named project manager for an 18-hole Perry Dye golf course as part of the Thai Muang Beach Resort Co. Ltd. are constructing 18 holes, a clubhouse, and golf lodges as phase one of the project along the Andaman Sea. The course is scheduled to open in mid-1993.

BRIEFS

DESIGNING FROM MEMORY

Three legends join forces to recreate their 18 favorite holes

BY MARK LESLIE

B RASELTON, Ga. — Special memories. Special people. Together, they translate into a special golf course, according to all parties involved.

Gene Sarazen, Sam Snead and Kathy Whitworth — Hall of Fame legends all — have combined their golfing memories, pleasures and partialities and designed The Legends at Chateau Elan, which will open in mid-July. Joining highly rated sister course Chateau Elan Golf Club, the new 18-hole Legends track is “the essence” of the three famed golfers’ favorite holes in the world, said coordinating architect Dennis Griffiths.

“Each one picked holes memorable to them,” said the Braselton designer. “We wanted to provide potentially the same shot or memories to other golfers. It involves similar strategy at a similar hole, like No. 12 at Augusta National.”

Sarazen loved it. Whitworth had a blast. Snead had “a lot of fun.”

“I’ve been out there quite often to look at my work because I’m anxious to see it,” said Sarazen from his Marco Island, Fla., home.

“I’m so glad they [owners Don and Nancy Panoz] included a woman,” said Whitworth. “To be in the company of Sam and Gene was quite nice.”

Kathy and I played as a team years ago on the West Coast. We played pretty well. She still plays well,” Snead said, adding that working with old friends was a joy.

Snead, who 21/2 years ago joined architect Robert Muir Graves, was the only one of the three who had previous design experience. In fact, the 90-year-old Sarazen, who has played thousands of golf courses, had never seen one under construction.

But Griffiths, who designed the original Chateau Elan course, said working with this

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WADSWORTH TO RECEIVE ASGCA’S ’93 Ross Award

Brent Wadsworth, who has built more than 350 golf courses throughout the United States during the past 35 years as the head of Wadsworth Golf Construction, Co., has been named the 1993 winner of the American Society of Golf Course Architects Donald Ross Award.

Wadsworth will receive the award at the annual Ross Award Dinner Monday, April 26, at Philadelphia Cricket Club during the ASGCA annual meeting.

“Many ASGCA members have worked with Brent Wadsworth during the past three decades,” said ASGCA President Art Hills. “They trust his experience and expertise to construct superior golf courses. We wanted to recognize his contributions by awarding Brent the Ross Award — the highest honor we can bestow.”

Wadsworth’s firm has been chosen Golf Course Builder of the Year for three consecutive years from 1989 to 1991 in polls conducted by Golf Course News.

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