

# Legends

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"I selected four great holes," Sarazen said. "Three come from Augusta National. The fourth is the postage-stamp hole (North Berwick's 15th, Redan hole)... Chateau Elan has the same terrain as Augusta National. Pine trees. Rolling land. And they all fit into that land very well."

Saying "I don't profess to be an architect at all," Whitworth shared her favorites and "gave my stamp of approval" when the course was complete.

"A lot of the holes Gene and Sam picked were certainly ones I would like the opportunity to play again," she said. "We generally agree that a lot of the holes we selected or liked were not necessarily hard holes, but there was something unique we liked about them... Maybe they were a driving hole or a precision hole. A finesse type hole, or the par-5 at Augusta's 13th where you have the chance to go for it in two if you have a nice drive. The challenge was there and the rewards good if you had a really good drive. So it was a fun hole to play."

"What I like about a hole is, if it is up to me to decide how I want to play it. I'd rather it be my decision than the golf course architect's," she said. "The penalty is so severe on some of courses today that it's not a lot of fun."

Snead sees every new course design as an opportunity to help the average "poor shooter."

"The guy who pays the freight [plays the courses every day] can't play these hard courses that have been built the last few years," Snead said. "The deep traps and gullies, the 175-yard carries over canyons scare him to death."

"I want to see golfers enjoy it [the course]."

Sarazen's favorite of all was the Redan — a middle-iron par-3 with a long green that falls off sharply to the left.

"It's one of very few Redan holes," Sarazen said. The original Redan was "much more tragical" than that designed by Charles Blair Macdonald at the National Golf Links in Southampton, Long Island, and Sarazen set out to design a hole "that you could play. It doesn't have the steep slant on the green. You don't need a trap on the right because it's already so difficult."

Would they do it again?

"Yes, it would be fun," said Whitworth. "It was fun to see it come from the rough edges."

"No," said Sarazen. "I'm not interested in a new career."

But Griffiths told about ground breaking day when "we were in the middle of the property and Gene was walking up to the photo spot. He turned and said: 'Don, I don't need to be here today. There's nothing to build.'"

For those closely involved in the project, an encore sounds terrific. Bishop, whom Sarazen said is "one of the finest pros I've ever met, said "It's been a thrill."



The Carmel Valley Ranch in Carmel, Calif. is a good example of "enviro-golf."

# Hills: 'Enviro-golf' is here to stay

"A decade ago there were occasional sites that required sensitive environmental treatment, while today every potential golf course site must have a series of environmental impact studies," explains Art Hills, president of the American Society of Golf Course Architects.

Hills acknowledges the impact environmentalists had in alerting the golf industry that many sites required special treatment, and accommodation should be made for birds, fish and other wildlife.

Ronald G. Dodson, president of

the Audubon Society of New York, says that from his perspective, America's 14,000 golf courses provide the equivalent of nearly 1,500 square miles open space.

"We've had to accommodate butterflies and owls in California... gila monsters in Arizona and salamanders in Massachusetts," said Hills, who noted that the industry now has the capability to regularly engineer, design and construct complex solutions to the most difficult ecological problems. "And that technical ability will multiply year by year."

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