Architects will inaugurate a new American Society of Landscape architects and related professionals will share information and ideas at the annual meeting concept here, Oct. 8-11, when thousands of landscape architects and related professionals will share information and ideas and experiment with the latest technology available to the profession. The meeting’s focus will be on water issues.

KENOVA BUSY IN MEXICO

GUADALAJARA, Mexico — Kenova Construction Corp. of West Palm Beach, Fla., has been awarded the project encompassing 650 acres in the mountains here above Guadalajara City. Kenova built Club de Golf Malinalco outside Mexico City last year. Having been approved as a major U.S. exporter, Kenova also is able to arrange financing for qualified foreign developers through our U.S. bank. Kenova is serving as architect Clyde Weeks is anxious for work to begin on the project for Daly, to architect Clyde Johnston. The course is a project a Southport Golf Group Ltd. Partnership.

D.A.LY LINKS FIRST DESIGN PACT

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — John Daly is working with developers here on the design of a Scottish links-style golf course that will open in fall, 1995. The course, is the first golf course project for Daly, who is serving as player-consultant to architect Clyde Johnston. The course is a project a Southport Golf Group Ltd. Partnership.

ARCHITECTS SESSION READIED

SAN FRANCISCO — The impact of wetlands preservation, disabilities regulations and efficient availability on golf course construction will be the focus of the annual American Society of Golf Course Architects conference here, April 16-20. Led by President Jerry Matthews, the conference at the Pan Pacific Hotel will feature Past President Dick Phelps speaking on “Implications of Americans With Disabilities Act Legislation on Design of New and Remodeled Courses”; Dr. All Harwall of the University of California on “The Impact of Effluent Availability on New Course Construction”; and Dr. Mike Josselyn of Wetland Research Associates on “The Impact of New Wetlands Legislation.”

WATER AT ISSUE WITH ASLA

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A treasure found on boundaries of The Badlands

BY MARK LESLIE

R. AV, N.D. — Saying his property itself is a miracle, superintendent and part-owner-to-be Stan Weeds is anxious for work to begin on Red Mike Golf Resort. So aren't his partners in this "build it and they will come" venture, which sits in the Badlands of North Dakota — between four (such-as-they-are) population centers. There's major partner Mike Ames, owner of Agri Industries of Williston. Then there are minor partners Stephen Kay, a golf course architect from Bronxville, N.Y., and Marvin Schlauch, a course shaper who works out of New York.

D.J. DeVicctor on cutting edge of design for the handicapped golfer

An apprentice of architect Arthur Hills and the former director of Fairfield Development Corp.'s Resorts and Golf Development Division, D.J. DeVicctor has found himself in the position of pioneer in the design of golf courses for the physically challenged. The 40-year-old Rosselle, Ga., architect and partner Peter Langham have been chosen to design Clemson University's new handicapped golf course, even though the Federal Access Board is still drafting guidelines to supplement the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA). If approved, they are expected to be implemented and enforceable for courses opening in 1995 and beyond.

Golf Course News: What special problems are posed by the demand for accessibility?

D.J. DeVicctor: In new golf course construction we don't necessarily see any restrictive criteria. The major issue is cart paths as the accessible route through the golf course. We feel the components that accessible golf will bring out will probably create better courses for everybody, with very little financial impact.

GCN: You say the regulations will bring about better golf courses. How so?

D.J. They are asking for accessibility to tees, fairways, greens, and into bunkers. It will be much easier for the elderly, youngsters and anybody walking up a slope to a tee box, to just walk out of the cart and onto the tee box. In green design, they're

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Red Mike, which will include the golf course and 80 spots for recreational vehicles, holds an intense attraction to each of the four partners. For Weeks — the superintendent at Country Club of Williston — "we already have better quality soil than we could even buy."

"Everything around this spot is clay hills and buttes. Yet, there is virtually no rock on this particular property. You could take an 18-inch soil probe and bury it to the handle."

For Kay, the architect, this may be the site of a lifetime. "I thought it was Ireland," he said. "It is pot-marked, dunesc terrain, but similar to the cliff areas of Ireland. On half the holes we have beautiful views of Lake Sakakawea. But, water does not come into play."

For Schluch, it's a much desired chance for an extended visit to his home state: Ames. "Stan and I decided this area desperately needs a real golf course. We started looking for a place, and found our little bit of Ireland right out here in North Dakota," he said.

Ames and Weeks searched along the Missouri River for the best spot, but Red Mike Hill — a 270-acre property, sitting high above the waterway and named for a notorious cattle thief of the early 1900s. Weeks, who drove to Nebraska to walk the much-talked-about Sand Hills Golf Course (GCN, February 1994), said: "I feel we have as much to work with as they do. They have higher mounding with the sand hills. We've got higher elevations. We've got the lake. And the land is like big sink holes."

"What spurred me on," Ames said, "was that I knew the soil type was right and we don't find that often in this part of the country. And we had a wonderful water supply.

Courses around here are built on poor soil and have poor quality water for irrigation."

"This site is a miracle," Weeks said.

Indeed, only 1,000 to 2,000 cubic yards of dirt will be moved, Kay said. "We will only cut and balance the tee and green locations... The sandy loam soil is such high quality (the laboratories) said if we build big greens and have good surface runoff we can do pushup greens."

Ground will be broken in late April or early May. Late August or September is the target for completion and the foursome hopes to open the track by Labor Day 1995.

The Red MIke project is a testament to how to overcome financial obstacles.

Ames and Weeks formed a partnership, bought the land and are leasing it to Red Mike Development Corp., consisting of the four men: Kay and Schluch are forgoing their fees in exchange for partial ownership of the facility. "We're leaving money on the table so they will have enough to do the project," Kay said.

"We'll have a cash outlay of around $500,000 for 18 holes and a practice range."

Ames' company will install the costly irrigation system. Thus, his share of Red MIke will be greater.

14 course builders earn certification

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Fourteen golf course builders have met requirements for certification for 1994, according to the Golf Course Builders Association of America (GCBAA).


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