Environmentalists, golfers won over by Squaw Creek

Robert Trent Jones Jr.'s track
Best New Mountain Course

By MARK LESLIE

Robert Trent Jones Jr.'s "environmentally correct" Squaw Creek Golf Course in Olympic Valley, Calif., was named the Best Public Mountain Course to open in the last five years, according to the nation's golf course architects.

Tom Fazio's Champion Hills in Hendersonville, N.C., was voted the Best Private Mountain Course, in the poll, conducted by Golf Course News.

In other results, the poll illustrated the scarcity of large-scale public golf developers despite the high percentage of public facilities among openings the last few years. No single developer received more than a handful of votes — and, so, no winner was chosen. Even Sunbelt Corp., which over the past three years has opened the 18-course Robert Trent Jones Trail in Alabama, did not receive heavy support.

Arvida, which last year was named Best Developer of Communities, and First Golf received similar support.

Perhaps the most memorable vote for Best Developer came from Maury Miller of Golf Resources, Inc., who caustically cast his ballot for the Resolution Trust Corp., which took over the Landmark Land Co. properties and began auctioning them off.

Meanwhile, Jones' design team won accolades in the Golf Course News ballot. Between Don Knot and Bruce Charlton, the Jones International crew

Wetlands creators point men for future

By PETER BLAIS

BEAUFORT, S.C. — Steve Beaman's chest no doubt swelled a bit when Spring Island Development, a small organization and we want to remain ourselves that way. If anything, we try to stick to our original philosophy. We have a pace at which we're comfortable. We're not splitting. We really are working on the design of 20 golf courses. I find that golf course design is just as stimulating for me as competition. I will continue to utilize my design expertise and competitive experiences to build and design outstanding golf courses, in addition to playing on the Senior Tour.

Weiskopf and Morrish are working on a handful of unfinished courses, along with some long-range projects. And Morrish added, "We will honor any agreements we've made with people with whom we have spoken, if they desire to press forward. In fact, we have not ruled out working together, say, five years from now. If a past client were to call and say, 'I..."
Burns readies Hawks' Nest and ventures into Mexico

WOOSTER, Ohio — Two hundred acres of rolling terrain, streams and ravines provide the easel for architect Stephen Burns' new Hawk's Nest Golf Club here.

A upscale daily-fee course owned by Earl and Betty Hawkins, Hawk's Nest opened its first nine last July 13. The second nine will open this year.

Lakes or streams influence play on nine holes, although there are few forced carries. Tended by superintendent Tim Smith, formerly of Acacia Country Club, the track measures from 4,650 to 6,600 yards.

Central Florida Turf of Avon Park, Fla., built the course with the Fernandina Beach, Fla.-based Burns Golf Design. The two firms have broken ground on The Club at Ravenswood Lake, a development course in nearby Medina.

Meanwhile, in San Sebastian de Amola, Mexico, the Burns-designed Club de Golf Malinalco has opened.

The par-72 track was built by Kenova Construction of West Palm Beach, Fla. An upscale weekend home community for Mexico City residents, it is believed to be the first large project of its type in the country.

The course stretches from 5,074 to 7,094 yards from several sets of tees, but will play shorter because of its 6,700-foot elevation.

Laid in a scenic valley and surrounded by mountains, it has a 180-foot elevation change. Water, including a large waterfall, enters play on 10 holes. But there are few forced carries.

Concentrating on Asia-Pacific

Nelson, Wright make Haworth a partner

HONOLULU, Hawaii — Robin Nelson, president of the Nelson & Wright, has appointed Neil Haworth to the position of partner, and has changed the firm's name to Nelson Wright Haworth, Golf Course Architects.

Based in Honolulu, the team of Robin Nelson and Rodney Wright is well known in Hawaii and throughout the Asia-Pacific region. Nelson Wright Haworth has designed, remodeled or planned 72 courses in 17 countries.

In 1990, Haworth joined Nelson & Wright to establish the firm's Singapore operations, and was recently named partner and managing director of the Singapore office. Haworth, 32, has been designing golf courses for nearly 10 years, the last three in Southeast Asia. A 1989 graduate in landscape architecture from the University of Guelph, Canada, Haworth was senior designer for the Montreal-based Graham Cooke & Associates.

Haworth is now the project architect for several Nelson Wright Haworth developments internationally, including the new Kuala Lumpur Golf and Country Club, The Tiara Melaka Golf and Country Club in Malaysia, and Hwasing Golf Club in Shenzhen, China. Haworth is also working on Sun Island Country Club, an 18-hole layout in Shanghai, China.

Weiskopf and Morrish 'still good buddies'

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really need you two,' we would get back together.

"Tom and I are still buddies. We will be fishing and hunting together and working together for the next two or three years on projects we've begun," Morrish said. "It's time for me to go in another direction. He's got interests, too. He is playing on the Senior Tour. So it was just a good time to do it."

"Another direction" for the 57-year-old Morrish is working more with son Carter, 27, "to get him in a position to take over if he wants to. When Tom and I do a job together, people are paying for Tom and me — not Carter."

Carter, a graduate in landscape architecture who worked with Wadsworth Golf Construction Co. before apprenticing with his father, has agreed to collaborate as a design consultant for Tour pros Howard Twitty and Mark Brooks.

As for Morrish himself, he said: "At 62 or 63, I would like draw some plans for my son, kibitz with people and not get out there on the road 300 days a year. For 25 years I've been on the road."

Morrish attributed the success of the Weiskopf-Morrish team, formed in 1985, with "attention to detail."