**BRIEFS**

**BARBARON BUILDING NEW 18**

**AT CYPRUS LAKE**

LAKELAND, Fla. — Barbaron, Inc. of Crystal River has been selected by Cypress Lakes Ventures to construct a new 18-hole additional course at the Cypress Lake Golf and Country Club here. The course has been designed by Powell Golf Design of Bradenton and is scheduled to open in the early fall.

**COURSE DESIGNERS EXEMPTED**

A Mississippi bill that exempts golf course designers from being licensed as landscape architects has been signed into law by Gov. Kirk Fordice. Landscape architects in some states, including Florida, also have tried to force golf course designers to be licensed.

The bill also allows the state Board of Architecture to run continuing education programs for landscape architects.

**GRAVES PICKS UP THE PIECES**

Salgados Praia Golf Course, in the West Region of Algarve, Southern Portugal, is nearing completion. Robert Muir Graves, Ltd., of Walnut Creek, Calif., was brought in as course architect when the course was about 70 percent completed. Graves made a number of revisions and generally upgraded the layout to meet international standards for resort play. The completed course will measure 6,600 yards from the back tees. The course is part of a larger hotel and golf development.

**NEW CLUBHOUSE FOR ARGYLE**

SILVER SPRING, Md. — Argyle CC is renovating and expanding its clubhouse. The $2.4 million project will expand the clubhouse to 22,000 square feet. BeechTree Golf Co. is coordinating the project for the club. The building architect is Reithlingshoefer-Smith & Associates of Annapolis and the contractor is Coleman & Wood of Rockville.

**HEILMAN JOINS JACOBSON DESIGN**

LIBERTYVILLE, Ill. — Doug Heilman has joined Jacobson Golf Course Design as director of business development and design associate. He will oversee new business development and marketing activities and be involved in project development. Heilman formerly was director of business development for Dick Nugent Associates.

**GOLF COURSE NEWS**

**Europeans coordinate environmental effort**

By PETER BLAIS

BRUSSELS, Belgium — With permits and financing firmly in hand, developers of Domain Des Princes Golf Course began building their Jack Nicklaus-designed layout here in late 1989. A local environmental group went to court and succeeded in having the permit revoked. Five years later, the course is no closer to reality than it was in the late 1980s.

This is the type of situation the newly formed European Association Golf Ecol Unit hopes to stop from happening again.

**Hurdzan pursues yellowed pages and hickory sticks**

By MARK LESLIE

I t is like "Christmas and an Easter egg hunt all rolled up in one." It captivates, excites and enlightens. And it has made Dr. Michael Hurdzan a frequenter of flea markets and dusty old bookstores.

It is the hobby (and treasure hunt) of golf collecting. "I just can't describe to you the excitement of finding something you've been searching for for years," said Hurdzan, a golf course architect whose massive collection includes books, clubheads, ceramics, glassware, buttons, games, you name it. "I can almost tell you the time, date and place I found each one of them, and what I paid for them. It's like an Easter egg hunt and Christmas all in one. And every single day is like that. Collecting is the most exciting thing, if you really treasure the things — which I do."

Hurdzan, then young and far from wealthy, caught the collecting bug unawares on Christmas Day 1967. "Someone gave me Book of the Links by Sutton. I had no idea those kinds of books even existed — let alone on golf course architecture. I was absolutely captivated by the idea. I read it and reread it. It was a wonderful experience. It became so exciting to me that I started to collect more and more things. I went to book stores and flea markets — and still do."

Hurdzan pulled out an old cigarette dispenser for rolled cigarettes. "Just last week I discovered this. It's probably from the '20s or '30s, but it's a wonderful piece."

Hurdzan's "primary love is books," and, indeed, like beloved family, every one in his cache has a story.

• There's Scotland's Gift, written in 1885 by Charles Blair Macdonald, and Golf in America; which Hurdzan bought in a book store in 1969 for $3 and $5, respectively.

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**Perry Dye: 'We have redirected'**

By HAL PHILLIPS

DENVER, Colo. — To paraphrase Perry O. Dye and quote Mark Twain directly: "Reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated."

However, Dye offers this qualifier: "Not greatly exaggerated, but exaggerated."

Rumors have been flying from here to Singapore concerning the financial condition of Dye Designs, as the Japanese development market — which had supported 87 percent of Dye's business in 1989 and '90, for example — continues its downward slide.

The result for Dye Designs has been diminished work overseas and a new focus on its domestic business plan.

"We have redirected. We're going after some of the smaller projects," said Dye in late-April. "To be frank, it's hard to adjust, but I think we can do it. Getting golf courses built for municipalities will go a long way towards changing our image."

"But frankly, a lot of people don't know what I can do here on the main

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