N.J.'s Sussex County plans series of Preserve courses

FRANKLIN, N.J. — Work has begun on Black Bear Golf Course here, the first of a series of courses planned for Sussex County as part of the Sussex County Golf Preserve concept. The Preserve is a privately funded organization which fosters the growth of golf as an adjunct to the growing recreation and vacation industry in the state's northernmost county.

Black Bear has been two years in planning. The 250-acre site is located in both Franklin Borough and Hardyston Township. It is set back in the rolling hillsides and open fields which are being shaped and blended to afford a beautiful venue for the golfers expected to play the course in 1995.

Black Bear has been designed by Jack Kurlander, who designed and built the Great Gorge Ski Area and the Hidden Valley Ski Area in Vernon Township. He also did the concept planning and obtained zoning approvals for Crystal Springs Golf Course in Hardyston.

Utah foothills course site for Graham, Panks

DRAFTER, Utah — David Graham and Gary Panks are designing an 18-hole course for the new South Mountain Project here, where 1,517 acres sit in the foothills of the Wasatch Range. The project is zoned for 1,700 residential units, and construction on the infrastructure began in July. EDAW-HRV, based in Denver, is overseeing the land plan and landscape architecture.

The developers are Dee Christiansen and Terry Diehl of South Mountain.

"The site affords us an opportunity to create numerous challenging holes, and the course will complement the beautiful community it serves. We feel most fortunate to be a part of this exciting project," said Graham.

NGF names new marketing vp

JUPITER, Fla. — Bruce M. Florine, 34, has been named vice president of marketing for the National Golf Foundation. The announcement was made by NGF President and CEO Joseph Beditz, who noted that the position is newly created.

Florine will have primary responsibility for sponsorships, development of additional funding sources and specialized work in the areas of membership and publications marketing. He will report directly to Beditz.

Florine comes to the foundation from the PGA of America, which he joined in 1988 and where he had been director of events and sales since 1991. In that position, he was responsible for developing the association's official licensed merchandise programs, promotions and other merchandising programs for the PGA Championship and Ryder Cup events.

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Golf course architect Robert Trent Jones Jr., left, toasts the Sept. 2 opening of Moscow Country Club with Russian First Deputy Director General for GLAV UPDK (foreign ministry) Ivan Ivanovich Sergeev, center, and Alexander Zinoviev, director of GLAV UPDK. Moscow CC is the first golf course in the country and its opening drew attendants from around the world for a celebration that included a military band performance and the first Philips Russian Open, won by Steve Schroeder, vice president of operations of Robert Trent Jones II International.