The course is expected to reopen July 27. Greens are being expanded from hole championship golf course in June. The process will be resurfaced with asphalt. More than five miles of 86,000 square feet to 90,000 square feet in size, to be used certain days of the week. to having a pro partner. Andy liked our personalities clicked and we two of you team up? Andy was talking to a mutual friend of ours and expressed interest in getting into the design field. Dad (Larry) had retired at that point so I was open to having a pro partner. Andy liked my design style and the courses I started on Trapper's Turn. Our personalities clicked and we Our mission is to protect the environment... and good for the communities in which we live and work," said ASGCA President Dennis Griffiths.

**As Maine goes... One-stop permitting is here!**

By MARK LESLIE

UGUSTA, Maine— When Dick and Ron Foster applied for a permit to build a golf course on 112 acres in Litchfield, the process took seven weeks. Some 3,000 miles away, California has opened nine Permit Assistance Centers (PACs), bringing together permitting authorities from state and local government to simplify the process. States from Maine to California are taking innovative steps toward regulatory reform and improved customer service, shaving huge amounts of time and paperwork off the quagmire of the permitting process. Their aim: to invigorate their economies while maintaining a quality environment. The seven weeks to get approval for the Fosters' project is a shocking speed in many states. But it may become more commonplace as time passes.

"There are a lot of innovative programs going on in all the [New England] states right now," said Brooke Barnes, director of policy development and implementation for the Maine DEP, which is the state's "pinnacle of licensing and permitting," he added. "The EPA [federal Environmental Protection Agency] is allowing more experimentation in different ways to approach regulating the environment — not just command-and-control stuff," Barnes said.

"In just the issue of processing, the agencies are always trying to reduce the time and still hold the line on their mission. Our mission is to protect the environment. We want to be customer-"

**Riviera does a double at 10**

By MARK LESLIE

PACIFIC PALISADES, Calif. — Riviera Country Club's 10th hole may be the best short par-4 in the country. So it was with trepidation that the powers that be at the club decided something needed to be done to save the little green from the pounding of 60,000 rounds a year.

In late July, course officials will unveil the results of their decision: Instead of enlarging the 3,000-square-foot 10th green, they added a second, permanent part-time green, also about 3,000 square feet in size, to be used certain days of the week.

"It's a unique concept and an intriguing project," said course architect Ron Forse of Uniontown, Pa. "At first, I didn't want to take it. I didn't want to be part of ruining what may be the most unique hole in [architect] George Thomas' masterpiece."

But Forse saw that the second green could be added and still maintain the strategy of the hole.

"Thomas had that extra fairway bunker off to the right and with the same backslope as the original green. So we hid the new green behind the existing bunker just like the original green," he said. "Also, the new green has the same slope as the original. And the same type of strategy works for the new green as well."

Sitting at 315 yards out from the back tee and 301 from the members'
Ray Hearn leaves Matthews to form course design company

HASLETT, Mich. — Ray Hearn, formerly of Matthews & Associates of East Lansing, has formed his own golf course design company here, Raymond Hearn Golf Designs, Inc.

A senior architect for Jerry Matthews whom he worked with for 10 years, Hearn was involved in some of the firm's most highly acclaimed projects and in the last several years.

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The alternate green will play almost 20 yards longer because of its angle to the right, Forse said. "The 10th hole features a 250-foot-wide fairway bunker. If a golfer hits over the center to the original green they then have to hit into a green fronted by a bunker and that is only 23 feet wide at the middle. If he hits over the left side of the bunker, the green opens up to him. "So, by hiding the green behind the bunker we didn't ruin the integrity, visually, of the hole," Forse said. "We just extended the design scheme to the other green."

The concept of adding a part-time green is rare. Pine Valley in Clementon, N.J., did this at its 8th and 10th holes years ago.

"On the island of Indian Creek Village on the intracoastal waterway in Miami Beach, Forse is in phase one of a master plan on Indian Creek Country Club, a Donald Ross design. On the island of Indian Creek Village on the intracoastal waterway in Miami Beach, Forse is in phase one of a master plan on Indian Creek Country Club, a William Flynn design. In Boynton Beach, the Dick Wilson-designed Pine Tree Golf Club will be restored, Forse said. "They have dynamite golf holes," he said, adding that he plans to restore Wilson's "great old fairway bunkers" as well as re-build every green.

Among the major courses on which Hearn was project architect while at Matthews & Associates are The Twin Lakes Golf Club in Oakland Township, scheduled to open this summer; The Majestic at Lake Walden in Hartland and the Minooka Golf Club in Lake Anne, which opened in 1994; The Woodlands of Van Buren, opened last year in Van Buren Township; The Natural at Forest City at Farwell; and The Natural in Gaylord, which opened in 1992.

Hearn is an honors graduate in landscape architecture and turfgrass science from Michigan State University. He worked two years as an assistant superintendent at the Country Club of Detroit, where he was also a recipient of the Evans Scholarship sponsored by the Western Golf Association and founded by Charles "Chick" Evans.

Hearn and Albanese are members of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Riviera adds green

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