IN BRIEF

CINCINNATI — The notoriously soggy Reeves Golf Course got a late start this summer after a 5-week shutdown that lasted into late June. An estimated 19,000 fewer rounds had been played as of mid-July compared with 1995, as parts of the popular muni track were underwater most of the spring. Heavy rains and a rising river caused water tables to seep upward.

MARNE, Mich. — There's nothing like a name change to lend an air of seriousness to a golf course. Once known as Little Acres, the nine-hole course in this small town near Grand Rapids is now known as Sand Creek Golf Course & Driving Range. Owner-operator Linda Zahn said she changed the name in keeping with many improvements made at the course recently. Sand Creek now offers a litjing chip and putt practice area. On the 1,965-yard course, new trees were planted and bunkers installed.

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. — The newly-opened Stonehouse Golf Club here took a beating from Hurricane Bertha, which shut the course down for more than a month. Stonehouse, which opened for play June 20, was drenched mid-July. About one-third of the 13th green was washed out, according to Forrest Fezler, director of golf. The 13th green was resodded and rebuilt.

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Supers stage their own Ryder Cup this month

Hayter Cup matches set for Sept. 16, in Britain

BY TREVOR LEDGER

IVERPOOL, England — Education, camaraderie and keen competition will converge at West Lancashire Golf Club Sept. 16, when the superintendents of “the Americas” take on the greenkeepers of the “Rest of the World” here in a Ryder Cup-style showdown.

The inaugural Hayter International Cup will bring together 24 superintendents from the Americas, Europe and Australasia, and deposit them at the West Lancs GC near Liverpool to slug it out. The format is reminiscent of the now, very high-profile and nerve-searing Ryder Cup. The one-day event will feature six four-ball matches in the morning and twelve singles matches in the afternoon.

For some years now, Hayter Limited has sponsored the Hayter Challenge, a respected annual golf tournament on the U.K. domestic greenkeeping scene. Yet the international challenge is a more recent brainchild of Hayter’s Kim Macfie.

THE ROSTERS

The players participating in the first-ever Hayter International Cup, a Ryder Cup-style team match between superintendents from The Americas (North, Central and South) and the Rest of the World (Britain, Europe, Australasia) to be held Sept. 16, at the West Lancashire Golf Club near Liverpool in England — bared American: Samuel T. Williamson, Jim Dusch, Robert Heron, Douglas Meyer, Ricardo de Udaeta, George Renkoff Dean Morrison, Paul McGinnis, Alejandro Young, Randy Nichols, Thom Charters, Gary Grigg.

Rest of the World: Cosme Bergareche, Frederik Goos, Andreas Kauler, Derek McKeanit, Ignacio Soto, Alaron, Peter Schumacher, Peter Fewin, Michael Dolfin, Ian Buckley, Mathias Ehser, Alexander Reid, Brian Mullochand.

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and Neil Thomas, executive di-
rector of the British and Interna-
tional Golf Greenkeepers Asso-
ciation (BIGGA). It was at the Hayter Challenge finals in Sep-
tember 1994 when the idea of an international team match was first float.

Yet the competitive element, though fundamental, is not the only raison d'être of the new contest. Macfie recognizes the value in the cross fertilization of ideas and methods in turf care, to say nothing of the opportunity for European greenkeepers to share experiences with their counter-
parts around the globe. Given Hayter’s line of business and its current modest showing in the North American market, this is hardly surprising. Not that Macfie is in any way coy about this point — as sales and marketing director, he is obviously keen, as he puts it, to “raise the profile of Hayter around the globe, particularly in North America.”

More power to his elbow if this is to be a biennial event and the return match will be stateside. Selection of the two 12-man teams was fairly uniform, with the top players from the various domestic greenkeeper’s tournamen
tests chosen to fill out the respective sides. The Ameri
cans squad drew players from North, Central and South, while The Rest of the World is repre
sented by Britain, Europe and Australasia. Team spirit will have to be built quickly.

Explained Dean Cleaver, non-
playing captain of the Rest of the World team: “We'll meet the first time on Saturday, have a practice round on the Sunday, sink a few beers in the evening and discuss selection and tactics then. The match starts Monday. Cleaver is taking his job very seriously. He recognizes the value of the idea of an exchange, this correspondent supposed, to discuss our profession and the bringing together of like-minded people to discuss our profession and learn a little bit from each other.”

Cleaver’s pre-Cup politics sets off a swirl of deja vu. Hun
gry for some sign of high-stakes build-up, this correspondent tried to press the “True Brit” to scratch him into aggressive gamesmanship. But he wasn’t having any of it:

GCN: Don’t you want to crow a little bit about the Ryder Cup?

Cleaver: Hah hah hah, oh no... hum, no, I wouldn’t like to say that at all. Perhaps all this was a front. As Cleaver talked about the venue for the Hayter International, he let slip a nugget of information which smacks of gamesmanship.

GCN: Why is the event to be held at the Hayter Challenge Finals?

Cleaver: Because the Challenge Finals were hosted so well there last year.

GCN: Ah! So the four Brits in the team for the course rea
doing well?

Cleaver: I suppose so... but it wasn’t the reason we chose it, honestly. I’d find it, um, difficult to every British seaside course so I don’t suppose the Americans will have much experience of such courses. Snacky Dean, very sneaky. Well done.

But what of the greenkeeper of the West Lancs course? How does he feel about having 24 of the best golfers from his worldwide peer group casting a critical eye over every sward of his daily labor?

John Muir, the West Lancs greenkeeper, is stoic. There is a certain amount of trepidation involved,” he said. “The mem
ers complain that the course is too hard prepared for visitors, but I strive for the same very high standards all the time.”

The West Lancs course is typi
cally British Links and was re
modeled in the early 1960s by Frank Pennick. It is set between the sea and a railway line and, as with most links, it demands a vari
ty of shots from golfers. It is here that greenkeeper Muir believes the Americans might struggle.

“The guy who can use the wind and play a chip and run game has the advantage over the gen
eral American game of target golf,” Muir said.

Was this, I wondered, the hardened edge that I had been look
ing for? Was Muir suggesting that British and European golf
ers are, overall, better and more resourceful shotmakers on av
erage than the Americans and would therefore claim the first
ever Hayter International Cup?

Not at all, claimed Muir. He said he isn’t very competitive and, in any event, his very job demands neutrality.

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