Nelson-Haworth secures deals in India, Australia

HONOLULU, Hawaii — Singapore- and Hawaii-based golf design team Nelson & Haworth has started work on two new projects that further expand its field of operations.

Bombay Presidency Club, one of India’s oldest and most prestigious golf clubs, is to be remodeled by Nelson & Haworth. The Presidency Club was founded in 1827, and is one of the oldest golf clubs outside Great Britain. The par-70 course is known for its tight fairways and small greens, which together with the variable and shifting sea breeze make it a testing layout.

“Our brief is to completely review the drainage of the course, and make it suitable for playing in all conditions,” said Neil Haworth. “At present, the course really struggles at the height of the monsoon season. In addition to the drainage, we will also be doing work on the landscaping, enlarging the greens and the tees, reviewing the bunkering and addressing the safety issues around the course.

“It’s a real privilege to work on a course with so much history attached to it, and to be given the task of bringing it up to date whilst retaining all the tradition and heritage of the place.”

Elsewhere, Macquarie Links is only the second new course to be built in Sydney, Australia, in the past 20 years.

The 18-hole project is scheduled to be open for play in early 1998. Robin Nelson has designed a traditional layout for this prestigious development which is situated on the southwest outskirts of Sydney, close to the new M5 freeway.

“It will be a classic course along the lines of the great Scottish links,” said Nelson, “and we will be using such features as pot bunkers, areas of native grasses and smaller greens to give the course a traditional feel.”

The project is being developed by developers Monarch Investments Group.

HURDZAN TO EXPAND NANTUCKET NINE

NANTUCKET ISLAND — After much community discussion and dissent, Miacomet Golf Course here plans to expand its existing nine-hole course to 18 holes. Architect Michael Hurdzan will handle the expansion.

“It will be spectacular,” he said. “It is as much like a true links golf course as we can make. We feel we now know the nuances of the links style.”

The principals are going through the permit process.

ASGCA: Women need multiple tees

CHICAGO — Golf course developers, owners and managers who want to attract women golfers can consult “Creating A Two-Tee System for Women,” available from the American Society of Golf Course Architects (ASGCA). The illustrated fold-out poster, written by architect Alice Dye, details the reasoning and procedures courses should use to develop a set of forward tees that accommodate different skill levels among women golfers. “Men have a choice of playing from different teeing grounds to accommodate their various abilities,” said Dye, vice president of the ASGCA. “Unfortunately, women rarely have such a choice...which is like asking them all to wear the same dress size.”

Carolinas Golf, LaFoy at work on Kiskiack

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. — Carolinas Golf Group has completed the initial phase of construction of Kiskiack Hills Golf Club, an 18-hole, upscale daily-fee course scheduled to open in September.

Located 10 minutes west of Colonial Williamsburg, the club is named after the Kiskiack Indian tribe which inhabited this area before English colonization. Designed by John LaFoy, the Kiskiack layout is traditional, featuring parallel fairways and open, panoramic views.

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