Reynolds to head up Lohmann's new Southeast office

MARENGO, Ill. — Lohmann Golf Designs has expanded its operations into the Southeast. Bard Reynolds, 39, who joins Lohmann after six years as a design representative/project supervisor for Greenscape, Ltd., will spearhead the expansion.

"Bard will be responsible for new business development for Lohmann Golf Designs and for our construction division, Midwest Golf Development," said Bob Lohmann. "There are opportunities in Florida and the surrounding region that will provide activities for our firm, which will be one of the few firms in the region offering comprehensive services — design, construction, renovation and restoration."

Reynolds' most recent project with Greenscape, Ltd. was the completion of the Disney Celebration GC near Orlando.

DANVILLE, Ind. — Meanwhile, grassing has been completed here at the Twin Bridges Golf Club; the 18-hole daily-fee course west of Indianapolis will open in July. Designed by Lohmann, the course was developed by Heritage Golf Management of Indianapolis as part of an 832-acre recreational development owned by Waste Management of Indiana.

"WHITEMARSH Valley Country Club.

We've been around a long time — over 75 years.

The players demand impeccable turf and we deliver. But the highest standards around here are those I set for myself.

I have the future of the course to think about. So, I make sure the herbicides I use to keep the course gorgeous are also respectful of the environment. I try to make sure the course and the world will be around for another 75 years. Pendimethalin is the turf herbicide that meets these standards year after year."

Garland Design Group hangs out its shingle

LEWISTON, Mich. — Ron Otto, principal owner of the upscale Garland resort in northern Michigan, has formed a golf course design and management company, Garland Design Group (GDG).

Otto believes GDG is one of the few comprehensive design groups in the country that not only offers design, planning and construction capabilities, but also the ability to manage, maintain and operate a course once it's constructed.

"What makes us unique is that we're a one-stop shop," Otto said. "As a design team, we have a lot more to sell to an investor. Because we have gone through a tremendous learning curve at Garland with our own four golf courses, we know exactly what's required."

Otto said the design group was a natural progression for Garland, the Midwest's only AAA Four-Diamond Resort Complex.

After determining the overall scope of the development, the Garland Design Group will plan the initial sculpting of the property, using the landscape architectural abilities of David Stebbins and the design skills of Otto.

Dave Longfield, Garland's director of golf course operations, plays a significant role in the design phase, assuring that the course can be maintained cost-effectively after completion.

Once the course is completed, GDG offers management services to ensure a smooth-running operation and a healthy return on investment. GDG's operational arm will assure that client courses mimic Garland's own success.

"We're running 100,000 people a year through our pro shop," Otto said. "That's more than any other course in northern Michigan."

As the final component, GDG can advise clients on real-estate development, which generally performs as a profit leader among resorts. Utilizing Garland Design Group, a course can be developed from concept to completion in as little as 18 months.

For more information, call Stebbins at 517-786-5285.

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