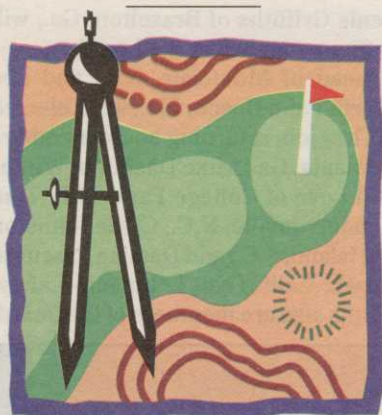


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IC&E OPENS CHARLOTTE OFFICE

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Irrigation Consulting & Engineering, Inc. has opened an office here, expanding regional service to its design and management operations in the Mid-Atlantic region. Irrigation Consulting & Engineering, Inc. is based in Pepperell, Mass., with other offices in Cleveland and Elgin, Ill. "Our increased reach offers clients greater local service opportunities, while employing the same proven advances in irrigation design and technology that IC&E has always provided its clientele," said President Brian Vinchesi.

SCHREINER HIRES HELLMAN

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Craig Schreiner Golf Course Architects has appointed Douglas Hellman vice president of business development. Maintaining an office in Illinois, Hellman will guide the firm's marketing and business development activities in the United States and abroad. He began his career in golf as a project architect with Dick Nugent Associates and was most recently director of business development for Jacobson Golf Course Design, both Chicago-based golf firms.

GCBA A ON THE WEB

The Golf Course Builders Association of America (GCBA A) has debuted on the Internet, with the completion of its World Wide Web site: <http://www.gcbaa.org>. The site includes names and addresses of all current GCBA A members, as well as general information about the association, and an online version of the GCBA A's bimonthly newsletter, *Earth-Shaping News*. The site can be accessed via the *Golf Course News* site at www.golfcoursenews.com.



TRAVIS, RAYNOR TRACKS FACE CHANGE

HAWORTH, N.J. — The Northeast Golf Co. is developing renovation plans for White Beeches Golf and Country Club here. White Beaches is a circa 1920s Walter Travis layout. Plans are to rebuild and expand many of the tees and restore the bunkering throughout. Meanwhile, Gardiner's Bay Golf Club, which maintains many remnants of Seth Raynor's design philosophy, is planning to restore the bunkering back to the forms and strategic positioning of the original layout. Gardiner's Bay is on Shelter Island on Long Island, N.Y.



The 14th hole at Sultan's Run.

JASPER, Ind. — The heralded remodeling plan at Sultan's Run Golf Course here was unveiled May 21. The \$1.5 million project, under golf course designer Tim Liddy, affected all 18 holes.

The original design was done by General Manager Allen Sternberg and then head pro Tom Jones. Wadsworth Golf Construction of Plainfield, Ill., began work on Liddy's redesign in 1996.

Course situated on former horse farm

"We felt it was time to take a good product and make it a showcase," said head PGA professional Rusty Mason. "What we had the past five years was a good layout, but one that wasn't functional for the long haul. We decided

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Cement factory, gravel quarry transformed in Mich.

By NORMAN SINCLAIR

PETOSKEY, Mich. — Golf critics are running out of superlatives to describe Bay Harbor Golf Club, taking shape on a five-mile stretch of Lake Michigan shoreline in northern Michigan where once stood a cement factory and sand and gravel quarry. The 27 holes, 18 of which are open this season and nine of which will be ready for limited play in the fall,

"shreds every adjective in the book," said golf writer Jack Berry.

Architect Arthur Hills had high praise for the site, describing it as the opportunity of a lifetime. The golf course is the centerpiece of a mega-million-dollar Victorian-theme development that includes a yacht club, condominium-suites hotel, and shopping and restaurant village.

Seven holes play along the water, some

on bluffs 170 feet above Little Traverse Bay. Hills routed the 27 holes over and through four diverse geological formations — sand dunes, a quarry, lakeshore and wooded uplands.

The Links Course holes flow along the top of the rocky bluffs above the water, with fairways and some greens perched on the edge of those bluffs. Four of the

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Kay gaining design stature

Stephen Kay entered golf course architect in 1977, joining William Newcomb's firm. He was made an associate in 1980, then started his own practice in 1983 in Bronxville, N.Y. He was voted into the American Society of Golf Course Architects two years ago.

Golf Course News: You've been called a new, up-and-coming architect, but you have quite a history. What was your foundation in golf course architecture?

Stephen Kay: Besides my academic education of a degree in landscape architecture from Syracuse and a turfgrass management degree from Michigan State, I was a superintendent for a couple of years and worked in construction a couple of years. But when I left Michigan and came back to New York to start my own practice renovating the old classic architects (Donald Ross, A.W. Tillinghast, Devereau Emmet, Seth Raynor) and trying to duplicate what the masters did, that's been a great foundation for me to then leap into new golf courses.

GCN: Especially with Blue Heron Pines [in the Atlantic City area], you seem to be doing more new projects.

SK: Yes. I did a couple of new courses in the '80s, but my bread and butter was renovation work. Then, Blue Heron Pines



The 534-yard, 1st hole at New York Country Club, a new 18-hole private course designed by Stephen Kay, which opened June 14 in Rockland County.

was really the start of getting a lot of work. The golf course has gotten a lot of nice press... That has snowballed into basically doing one or two new courses every year since 1992.

GCN: It seems that The Links at North Dakota has put you up another echelon.

SK: Thank you. It probably has in the fact that *Golf Digest* named it second-best

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ASGCA accepts Fought, Benkusky and Kavanaugh

TORONTO — The American Society of Golf Course Architects elected three new associate members — Mike Benkusky of Marengo, Ill., Ken Kavanaugh of Tucson, Ariz., and John Fought of Aurora, Ore. — during its 51st annual meeting here.

An associate of Lohmann Golf Designs, Benkusky's work includes Bishops Bay Golf Course (GC) in Middleton, Wis., and Boulder Ridge Country Club (CC) in Lake in the Hills, Ill.

As principal of his own firm, Kavanaugh has designed Southwyck GC in Pearland, Texas; The Vistas at Westbrook Village in Peoria, Ariz.; Seasons Ridge GC in Lake Ozark, Mo.; and the Oregon GC in West Linn, Ore.

Fought is principal of John Fought Design/OB Sports LLC and is responsible for such layouts as Big Sky Golf & Country Club in Pemberton, B.C., Canada; and CrossWater in Sunriver, Ore.



Gary Player and Stephen Kay at Manhattan Woods which they co-designed in West Nyack, N.Y.

By BOB SPIWAK

MAZAMA, Wash. - In an April 29 press release, Seattle's R.D. Merrill Co. and Harbor Properties, Inc., also of Seattle, announced an Agreement in Principle linking the two family corporations in the Arrowleaf golf resort project here. (GCN Feb. '97.)

The new partnership will remove Lowe Development Corp. of California as a participant, ac-

ording to the joint statement from Charlie Wright, Merrill's CEO, and Stimson Bullitt, chairman of Harbor. "We owe a debt of gratitude to Lowe Development for their excellent services to date," said Wright in the prepared statement, "Going forward, we feel that Harbor would be a superb partner - the Bullitt

family takes a long term view, as we do, and joins us in our enthusiasm for the resort plan that the county has approved."

Along with the long term view Harbor had another asset - money. In an interview prior to the formal announcement, Wright said that Lowe Development was offered the opportu-

nity to buy into the project. Lowe opted not to invest any money and Merrill found Harbor Properties a willing participant.

The project, literally at the end of civilization a few miles from North Cascades National Park, has a convoluted history of being thwarted by environmental lawsuits for the past quarter cen-

tury. Merrill is the fourth developer of the property, whose golf course will lie in a spectacular mountain bowl. In the previous developer's plan, Robert Muir Graves was to be the course architect, but when Lowe became involved in 1993, President Andy Norris chose Bob Cupp to design the course, citing past experience with the latter's work. According to Wright, Cupp will remain on the job. The fairways have been cleared, but progress has been halted by yet another environmental roadblock.

Arrowleaf ownership changes again

Sultan's Run

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that for the eternal success of Sultan's Run, we needed to go in and rectify all of the course's internal problems. Along with that, we wanted to enhance the playing characteristics and aesthetics of each hole."

Liddy had a couple of goals in his approach to the renovation. First was the functionality of the course such as improving the bunkers by tying them into the proportions of the course, and widening fairways, making them more receptive to the average player.

The second goal was adding strategy to each hole to keep the interest of the better players. For example, "You orient the bunkering to the good player, and keep it out of the way of the bad player," said Liddy.

All of the existing 52 bunkers were blown out and 72 new ones were sprinkled throughout the layout. Three greens were rebuilt due to their environmental setting, three due to severity of slope, and one due to a routing change.

All of the green surrounds were reshaped with pitching and chipping hollows and collection areas, and covered with zoysiagrass sod. More than 25 additional acres of zoysia sod was added and 200,000-plus yards of total sod was laid.

Trees were cleared to help better turn holes and to lessen the visual intimidation of some tee shots. Fairways and irrigation were expanded, and several new tees have been erected.

A short-game complex has also been added to the practice facilities so players can warm up and see what's to come when they head to the first tee.

The course derived its name from the World Champion American Saddlebred Horse "Supreme Sultan," who used to roam the land. It has been the birthplace of more World Champion American Saddlebred horses than any other place on earth — all sired by this horse.

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