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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.

GOLF COURSE NEWS



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.

Photos by James Kraftick

Bay Hill turns quarry into golf

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Quarry Course holes play down into the old limestone quarry; then out to two more bayside holes. Several are routed through natural sand dunes. The rest are cut through northern Michigan hardwoods.

The 10,000-square-foot clubhouse has a commanding view of the bay as well as the 9th hole on the Quarry Course.

The golf course reclaims what was once a scarred and browned-out cement factory, adjacent to a sand and gravel quarry, jutting out over the pristine bay.

Three years ago the land was an environmental disaster dotted with poisonous piles of kiln dust, a 90-acre hole in the ground, and two huge cement and brick smoke stacks. "The place looked like a windswept lunar surface," said Andy Stempke, an environmental quality analyst of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

No vegetation would grow on the piles of kiln dust which contained arsenic, lead and other metals — residues of the cement-making process. The poisons wafted up into the atmosphere when the wind blew off the big lake, while some of the polluting metals constantly seeped into the bay.

Today the smoke stacks are gone. The kiln dust has been replaced by rolling green fairways, and the huge hole in the ground is a deep blue-water harbor.

With the permission of the Michigan DNR and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the developers blew a hole in the sea wall, allowing water from Lake Michigan to flood the old quarry and creating the 75-foot-deep Quarry Lake where 100-foot Hatteras yachts regularly congregate. Bay Harbor has already hosted more than 50 Hatteras yachts for one function, the largest such gathering of those luxury models on the Great Lakes.

The yacht club boasts a 23,000-square-foot clubhouse and 500 slip marina. The "slipominiums," as they are called, sell for \$150,000 and include a yacht club membership.

The ramshackle cement factory buildings have been replaced by 10,000-square-foot Victorian-styled waterfront mansions. Where fences once encircled browned-out land, green park land now invites passersby to enjoy the view of Little Traverse Bay.

The peninsulas created on each side of the dredged-out entrance to Quarry Lake gave the developers prime frontage that they turned into \$1 million

lots featuring the bay in front and the new lake in the backyard.

The 1,100-acre site will have 800 homes and condominium units, clustered in groups of 25 neighborhoods, each with different themes. There are waterfront homes where owners can walk out their front door to their yachts; homes on the golf course; and clusters of condominiums near a shopping and restaurant district.

Alice Dye heads new slate of ASGCA officers

TORONTO — Alice Dye of Carmel, Ind., became the first woman president of the American Society of Golf Course Architects at its recent annual meeting here. Dye's election also signals the first time that a husband and wife have both served as society president. Her husband and design partner, Pete Dye, was president in 1989.

Also elected at the meeting were Vice President Bob Lohmann of Marengo, Ill.; Treasurer John LaFoy of Greenville, S.C.; and Secretary Brian Ault of Kensington, Md. Immediate Past

President Denis Griffiths of Braselton, Ga., will serve as ex-officio member of the board.

Greg Muirhead of Montclair, N.J., and Lee Schmidt of North Palm Beach, Fla., were elected to the board. They join returning board members Bob Cupp of Atlanta, Ga.; Mike Dasher of Winter Park, Fla.; Bill Love of College Park, Md.; Tom Marzolf of Hendersonville, N.C.; Clyde Johnston of Hilton Head Island, S.C.; and Damian Pascuzzo of Walnut Creek, Calif. Dye, Lohmann, LaFoy, Ault and Griffiths also are members of the board.

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