

## LaGree formalizes ties with Barbaron; Oak Run nearly finished

OCALA, Fla. — Terry LaGree, former vice president and general manager of Black Diamond, Florida's top-ranked golf course, has teamed up with golf course builder Barbaron, Inc. as a principal owner.

The firm is finishing its first design & build project at Oak Run Country Club here.

A September opening of Oak Run is expected. LaGree, along with Ronald Kitchen Sr. and

Ronald Kitchen Jr., the other principal owners of Barbaron, Inc., are back at Black Diamond in 1997.

Black Diamond owner Stan Olsen has contracted Barbaron to construct another Tom Fazio-designed golf course.

The back nine of the Ranch Course commenced construction in January. Barbaron completed the first nine in 1992.

## Hills will open 10 projects in 1997

PETOSKEY, Mich. — Schedules have been met here at Bay Harbor Golf Club, where the full 27-hole development should open for play by late summer.

The Arthur Hills-designed Bay Harbor opened nine holes during 1996, to considerable acclaim. The site, which hugs the cliffed shores of Lake Michigan, had been covered with kiln dust

prior to Hills' artful reclamation.

Bay Harbor is one of 10 Arthur Hills and Associates projects now in some stage of development. Among them:

- HawksHead Golf Club, South Haven, Mich.: Located on the state's western coastline, HawksHead is scheduled to open in May. The 200-acre site is intersected by creeks and festooned with pines and native dune grass. Owned by the restaurateur, Al Ruppert, HawksHead's renovated mansion will combine a clubhouse with a bed & breakfast.

- Gaillardia Golf and Country Club, Oklahoma City: The private course here has been completed, but the developer — UPUBCO, owner of the *Daily Oklahoman* newspaper, the Broadmoor Resort in Colorado Springs, and the Texas Rangers baseball team, among other entities — will not open the course until the William Zmistowski-designed clubhouse is ready next year.

- Chaska (Minn.) Town Course: When this track opens on the shores of Lake Bavaria in August, the small Minneapolis suburb of Chaska can perhaps claim the nation's most impressive, private-municipal tandem. Two-time U.S. Open host Hazeltine National is also located in Chaska, but Hills associate Judd Silverman said the Town Course will rival its more celebrated neighbor in challenge and scenic beauty.

- Lowes Island Golf Club, Sterling, Va. — When completed in the fall, Lowes Island will be "a fitting companion" to the popular Tom Fazio course that opened here in 1993, said Silverman. Five holes of the Hills design will play along the banks of the Potomac River, west of Washington, D.C.

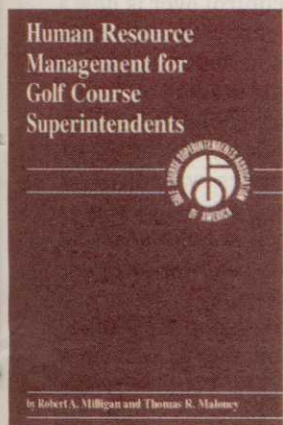
- The Ridges Golf and Country Club, Jonesboro, Tenn.: The Ridges is an 18-hole course scheduled to open this year on rolling terrain near Johnson City. Hills' second course in Tennessee, The Ridges will serve a private membership and members of the East Tennessee State University golf team.

Arthur Hills and Associates also have six projects in the design and construction phase. Among them are Seven Springs Golf Club, Donald Trump's exclusive private project in Bedford, N.Y.; The Arthur Hills Course at the LPGA International in Daytona Beach, Fla.; the Black Golf Course in Yorba Linda, Calif. — Shell Oil's first real estate development project in the state; and The Grove at Watford, a resort course associated with a hotel and conference center outside London. The latter is Hills' first course in England.

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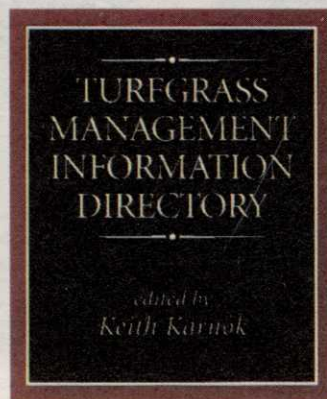
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