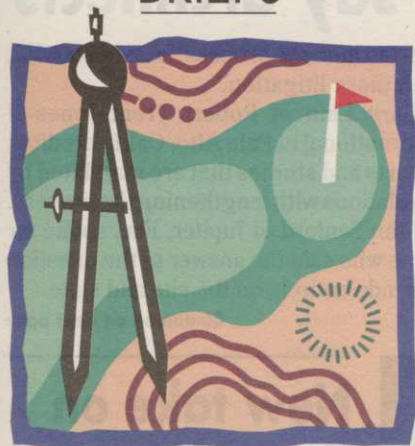


BRIEFS


**LOHMANN BREAKS GROUND
ON EVANSVILLE PROJECT**

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Construction has begun here on Eagle Crossing Golf Club. The new 18-hole golf course and practice facility will be the focal point of the 270-acre Eagle Crossing subdivision. The golf course is being developed by BSH Development of Evansville and designed by Lohmann Golf Designs, Inc. of Marengo, Ill. Construction is being completed by BSH Development and Golf Creations of Marengo, Ill. The par-70 course will feature bentgrass greens with zoysiagrass collars, Bermudagrass tees and fairways, and fescue grass roughs. The golf course is scheduled for completion this fall, opening for play in the summer of 1998. The housing development began last summer and now features 84 of the 245 home sites for sale.

**VIOLA TO ADD NINE
AT PINE KNOB GC**

CLARKSTON, Mich. — A new nine holes are under construction here at Pine Knob Golf Course. The additional holes were designed by West Bloomfield architect Lorrie Viola, whose first solo effort in Michigan, The Timbers near Frankenmuth, opened last summer. She's also undertaking a renovation of Burning Tree Golf & Country Club in Macomb, two championship layouts in Ocala, Fla., and a nine-hole addition in Fairfield, Conn. Planned to intertwine with the existing 18, three of the new holes will wind their way along Lake Fleming, while the other six will offer the wildness of an Irish links course, Viola said. Seeding is expected to take place in June. The new nine will be open for play in 1998.

C-D TO HANDLE MICH. RENOVATION

SHEPHERD, Mich. — The golf course design firm Conroy-Dewling Associates, Inc. will handle a renovation and extensive master plan here at Winding Brook Golf Club, according to President James R. Dewling. The renovation will continue this spring under the direction of head professional Tim Dawkins. Improvements will focus on the tees and drainage around a number of greens and fairways. Phase two, involving an updating and upgrading of the existing course, is expected launch this fall. The course will be available for play while improvements are underway.

Dye is cast for ASGCA

Alice takes gavel this month

When the American Society of Golf Course Architects (ASGCA) meets in Toronto, May 12-18, Alice Dye will succeed Denis Griffiths as its first female president. A design partner with her husband, Pete, since 1959, Alice has been a storied amateur state and national golfer as well as prime champion of forward tees in course architecture. When son Perry was accepted by the ASGCA last year, it meant the Dyes and both sons were ASGCA members — younger son P.B. having joined several years ago.

Golf Course News: What do you want to focus on during your term in office?

Alice Dye: We will continue all of the programs that Denis [Griffiths] started: stressing low-cost golf courses and the President's Award. We also want to improve speed of play and create a greater identity for the ASGCA Foundation so that the industry knows we are

Q & A



Alice (from left), Perry and Pete Dye conduct a site walk at Thai Muang G.C., a Dye Design in Thai Muang Beach, Thailand.



doing something in a special niche to help.

By building low-cost golf courses we can reduce the price of golf and keep it growing. The President's Award will be directed toward a specific project: this year Junior Golf. So many programs are so big that we can't make a particular contribution, so our foundation will center on some area that is pertinent to our organization where we can really be of help to the golf industry,

golfers, everyone. The Foundation has done some good work with research, and with a living history. We have videotaped about 20 old-time architects who are still living, telling their experiences and philosophies. People like Robert Trent Jones on tape, telling his philosophy — this will be invaluable 50 years from now.

The environmental book that [ASGCA member] Bill Love put together was wonderful. It required a lot of work and dedication, and it is information that only our organization can provide. But we're such

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The contours catch and enhance patches of sun and shade at Keith Foster's Texas Star Golf Course and Conference Center in Euless.

Foster set to unveil the Texas Star

EULESS, Texas — Hurricane Creek meanders by while century-old oak trees and an assortment of native grasses outline the fairways here on the newest design from Keith Foster, the city of Euless' Texas Star Golf Course and Conference Centre.

The facility, located in the heart of the Metroplex and 10 minutes from the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport, opens for play May 22.

The constant feature of the 287-acre site is Hurricane Creek, which winds

through a landscape of stacked rock ponds, waterfalls and hill country terrain.

The 7,000-yard track, constructed by Landscapes Unlimited of Lincoln, Neb., will play to a par of 71.

Sporting a spikeless golf shoe policy, the course will host The Collegiate Players Tour National Championship on Aug. 12-14.

The state-of-the-art conference center includes more than 5,000 square feet of divisible space.

COMMENTARY

With irrigation and alcohol, hard part is knowing when to stop

By DR. MICHAEL HURDZAN

Recently I had a discussion with perhaps the dean of club professionals, from one of the most distinguished and exquisitely manicured golf courses in America. We talked about, what else, Tiger Woods' prodigious length off the tee, and my friend offered that maybe it was time to bring back fairway cross bunkers that make the classic courses of the 1920s so popular and a great test of golf.

"Only then," he mused, "will par-5s stay three-shot holes and will 460-yard par-4s be more than a drive and short iron for the big hitters."

Personally, as a fan of cross bunkers, I applauded his observation, but we both realized that such hazards would most seriously frustrate the average and below-average golfer, make for slow play and add to maintenance costs.

I suggested there might be another strategic solution, which would actually more fairly increase the challenge of a golf course for all golfers, speed up play, reduce maintenance costs and make golf courses better neighbors to their surrounding environments. That idea was also a 1920s classic, but it was a product of technological depravation, not intelligent decision-making.

This big idea was — to turn off fairway irrigation.

Now my dear Mom taught me "all

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