New Hurdzan course coming to central Ohio

ETNA, Ohio — An 18-hole public course and residential development on 366 acres is coming to central Ohio.

Cumberland Trail borders the town of Pataskala and is being designed by Hurdzan/Fry Golf Course Design Inc. The par-72, 7,200-yard course will include bentgrass tees, fairways and greens on 183 acres. Bordering it will be single- and multi-family homes and condominiums.

Hurdzan said he wants to build a track here that will be a first-class neighbor to the Etna/Pataskala community by incorporating the site’s wetlands into the design.

The land planner for the project is Bird/Houk & Associates Inc. of Dublin. The developer is Ron Huff. Evans, Mechwart, Hambleton & Tilton Inc. of Gahanna is the engineer. The track will be ready for play by mid-1999.

Pevely Farms opens in St. Louis

ST. LOUIS COUNTY, Mo. — The semiprivate, 18-hole Golf Club at Pevely Farms has opened, while an additional nine holes are planned.

The track is built on a 208 acres of retired dairy farm property near the Meramec River basin and is owned by Arthur Kerckhoff Jr. The $7.5 million championship course has zoysia fairways and tees, the greens are bentgrass and the roughs are bluegrass. The architect is Arthur Hills.

Homes, a conference center and rustic cottages will also be built on another 700 acres of land.

MICH. EXECUTIVE TRACK UNVEILED

HOLT, Mich. — An executive-length, 18-hole course is about to open on an 80-acre parcel south of town here. The architect of Ironwood Links is Frank Theroux, a civil engineer. Opening of the front nine was scheduled for Aug. 1 with the back nine opening a year later. Theroux Development Co. Inc., the owner, is doing the construction. Prominent Lansing golfer Marvin Engerski will manage the course. Owen Phillip, formerly of Lansing Country Club, is the superintendent.

A foxy tale unfolds at Maryland’s Longview GC

TIMONIUM, Md. — Longview Golf Course this fall is celebrating the 10th anniversary of “The Fox” on its Ed Ault-designed, 18-hole layout here.

Longview’s legendary fox was mentioned in Golf Digest on the Paul Harvey radio show and in numerous other media in the late 1980s. It also serves as the namesake of Longview’s decade-old Silver Fox Senior Men’s Group.

To salute Longview’s four-legged friend, the Baltimore County Revenue Authority — owner of Longview and four other golf courses — recently unveiled the new Longview logo, appropriately depicting The Fox.

The tale/tail of “The Fox” goes like this: In fall 1988, golf balls began disappearing from fairways and greens at Longview Golf Course. Sightings of The Fox picking up golf balls at the 4th, 6th and other holes were numerous.

On No. 11, The Fox would hide in the weeds next to the green, where its den was located, and dart out to capture a ball when it hit the green. There were days when golfers lost at least one golf ball per foursome.

Finally, a trapper was called to humanely capture The Fox. The trapper not only caught The Fox, but also 18 of his sly accomplices. One of the dens had more than 150 golf balls from countless, frustrated golfers. In a 10-year span, more than 80 foxes were trapped at Longview.

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