West Palm track names new director

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Ibis Golf & Country Club has named Mike Reynolds its new director of golf. Reynolds will be responsible for overseeing the short- and long-term development of golf operations.

For the past decade, Reynolds has been head professional for Wheatley Hills Country Club on the north shore of Long Island in East Williston, N.Y. Prior to that he worked for six years at two Palm Beach County (Fla.) golf clubs. Reynolds also worked in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Ibis is owned and managed by the joint venture of Gale, Wentworth & Dillon, a full-service real estate firm headquartered in New Jersey, and The Blackstone Group, a privately held merchant bank headquartered in New York City.

Bradenton links open for play

BRADENTON, Fla. — The Links at Greenfield Plantation, Manatee County's newest 18-hole course, has just opened for play.

The 6,709-yard daily-fee layout was designed by Chip Powell. Each hole features four sets of tees and a full-service clubhouse was scheduled to be finished by February. Prince Construction Co. of Palmetto, Fla., handled course construction.

Greenfield Plantation is a housing development that includes 211 homes in the first phase and up to 600 additional sites later. The project is being developed by Bradenton businessmen Dick Turner and Lloyd Williams.

CENTRAL FLA. COURSES HELP FINANCE EFFLUENT PIPELINE

HAINES CITY, Fla. — The Diamondback Golf and Country Club and Grenelefe Resort's golf courses will be part of a $1 million project to develop a five-mile pipeline to provide effluent water to the courses. The project is expected to take 16 months to complete and the cost will be split between the courses and the Southwest Florida Water Management District. The new line is part of an ongoing effort to reduce reliance on the local aquifer.

Suburban Boston landfill to become the home of new golf facility

QUINCY, Mass. — Thanks to millions of cubic yards of dirt from the Big Dig roadway and tunnel project in downtown Boston, a former landfill site in nearby Quincy will be transformed into a public recreation facility featuring an 18-hole championship course and driving range.

The city of Quincy and Quarry Hills Associates, the developers of the course, have reached an agreement with officials of the Central Artery-Tunnel project to take at least 4 million cubic yards of excavated Big Dig dirt onto the 350-acre former landfill site. The developers will use the dirt to contour the course, driving range, hiking trails, ball fields and clubhouse.

The city of Quincy will receive a $12 per cubic yard tipping fee which will be handed over to the developers and essentially finance the entire project.

To cope with the massive influx of fill, a new exit ramp off Interstate 93 has been built to provide direct access to the dumping site. And the arrangement comes just in time. Huge piles of clay, glacial till and old fill have been growing in a holding area in South Boston that was nearing capacity.

Meanwhile, Quarry Hills Associates and the city of Quincy are talking with the neighboring town of Milton to acquire adjacent land that would allow developers to build a 27-hole course.