

## New look, new name for Md. track

BERLIN, Md. — The Newport Bay Golf Course at Ocean City Golf & Yacht Club here, previously named the Bayside Course, has been completely redesigned and reconstructed and will open for play this spring.

The course was renamed due to the extensive changes and improvements, which the owners feel offer better play options and magnificent views of Newport Bay. Golf course architect Lester George, of Colonial Golf Design, Inc., in Richmond, Va., completed the design and has been overseeing the project since it started in January 1996. Quality Grassing of Lithia, Fla., handled construction.

Ocean City Golf & Yacht Club is a 36-hole private club, which is open to the public for resort daily-fee play. George was given a free hand to change the course as he deemed necessary.

"It's a totally new course with all new tees, greens, bunkers, irrigation and cart paths," George said. "I have redesigned or renovated every hole and the practice range."

The land used for holes 17 and 18 was originally allotted for use by the yacht club, but the vistas were too impressive to not be part of the course, President Joe Harrison said. "What is unique about the layout of Newport Bay at Ocean City Golf

& Yacht Club is the amount of waterfront property used in the golf course."

The course provides broad, sweeping views of Grey's Inlet and Newport Bay from each hole. Eleven of the holes are bordered by the pristine salt marshes and waters of Newport Bay, incorporating many marsh features never before achieved.

*Newport Bay Golf Course is a "new course" today, after Lester George's renovation work.*



## Weed, Scratch Golf sign pact for two courses

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Golf course designer Bobby Weed has signed an agreement with Scratch Golf of Hilton Head, S.C., to design two new courses — one in Biloxi, Miss., and another on Hilton Head Island. The Biloxi course, as yet unnamed, will be an 18-hole public facility. The course on Hilton Head Island will be a nine-hole addition to Hilton Head National, which already has 18 holes of golf.

Hilton Head National's additional nine just got underway. Construction on the Biloxi course is pending permit approvals.

Weed has worked with Scratch Golf most recently at the World Golf Village, where he is the project architect for the first course, a resort design that will host The Legends of Golf beginning in 1999.

"I am very enthusiastic about the opportunity to continue my relationship with Scratch Golf," Weed said. "Our project at The World Golf Village for Scratch Golf is nearing completion, and everyone is pleased with the look, feel and playability of the course."

Meanwhile, Weed also designed the World Golf Village Slammer & Squire Course, which will host the Legends of Golf in 1999.

The Legends of Golf was the first event for senior golfers and led to the formation of the Senior PGA Tour. "It is only fitting that Sam Snead and Gene Sarazen are the player consultants for this course," Weed said. "They are both true legends of the game."

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