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Jonathan Gaunt (right) and Steve Marnoch, two of England's youngest golf course architects, have decided to join forces. Their mission: To become bigger players in the global golf course design market. See Q&A page 45.

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"It's great to see a publication focusing on public golf, and I'm excited to be a part of this year's Forum," said Norman, president of Jupiter, Fla.-based Greg Norman Golf Course Design.

With more than 30 course designs in play around the world, Norman's design unit provides comprehensive planning and construction capabilities. To complement design, The Shark started Greg Norman Turf to offer specialty warm-weather grasses to help maximize the course environment and mold each design around the site's intrinsic features.

The Shark will soon see two of his public-access designs open, including Wente Brothers Golf Club in Livermore, Calif., and Elk Run Golf Club in Batavia, Ohio.

On the playing side, Norman's resume is more than impressive: PGA Tour all-time money winner; 83 career victories through May '98; two-time British Open winner; three-time Vardon Trophy winner; held the #1 world ranking for a record 331 weeks. Even with the bad shoulder his current world ranking is #4.

Part two of this year's dynamic double bill is the guru of environmentally sensitive public golf design, Dr. Michael Hurdzan, president of Columbus, Ohio-based Hurdzan-Fry Golf Course Design Inc.

Hurdzan is slated to kick off day one of this year's Forum.

Hurdzan's environmentally sound projects are gaining worldwide recognition. Golf World Magazine's 1997 Architect of the Year, Hurdzan's most recent accolade is Golf Digest's Environmental Leaders in Golf Award for his work at Widow's Walk Golf Course in Scituate, Mass., America's first environmental demonstration golf course.

Hurdzan will soon join the staff of Harvard University's Graduate School of Design to teach of two-day course on the environmental impact of golf.

Norman will kick off day two of this year's Forum by aiming his keynote address at the importance of the correct public design and the continued development of the public-access game.

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