

**M**T. STERLING, Ky. — Graham Marsh, managing director of Graham Marsh Golf Design, and Bill Kubly, president of Landscapes Unlimited, are developing Old Silo, a daily-fee golf course here. The course will be the first design project in the United States for Graham Marsh Golf Design and the first golf course ownership project for Graham Marsh. It will also be the first course that Marsh and Landscapes Unlimited have teamed up to develop.

## Marsh, Landscapes team up in Kentucky

Old Silo was chosen as the name because the property has been a farm for more than 100 years and there is an old silo on the property that will be restored and maintained as a landmark.

The course will be routed in and around Silver Creek, a real-estate development that is already underway.

Old Silo will feature multiple tees for players of all abilities and the course will

measure 7,000 yards from the back tees. It will feature holes that play along the ridges with vista views as well as holes that run along the creek bottom with many trees and other challenges. There will be a complete practice facility featuring a driving range, putting and chipping greens as well as practice bunkers. The clubhouse will have a fully staffed pro shop, bar and grill, and will offer players

all the amenities usually found in a country club setting.

Old Silo is expected to open in October. The ownership team of Marsh and Kubly will operate and manage the facility, which will promote junior golf, host golf leagues as well as tournaments, and encourage players of all abilities to enjoy the course.

Graham Marsh said: "The site for Old Silo is one that allows us to design and build a first class golf course that will challenge players of all levels."

## Tour de Forse

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needed something to toughen up this short par-5.

"Sometime in early spring we will continue," Forse said of the bunker work.

Another aesthetic renewal is the clearing of brush that had obstructed views of the ocean. Some has already been removed, and "we're evaluating whether more should be cleared to open up views," Forse said.

"What sets the place apart," he added, "is, it's so historic they don't water their fairways, not even for the U.S. Amateur. And they voted 8-1 on the committee to continue without watering them.

"It's a joy to work with the people there."

As historical the course is, so is the property itself, overlooking the Atlantic Ocean.

According to the club, the 10th fairway and green is the oldest in continuous use in the United States. And on that same

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fairway Rochambeau and Lafayette camped their troops. Proof is found in the corrugated cardboard-looking ground itself. The earth was moved to build gentle ridges about 25 feet apart so the troops could set up their tents and rainwater would run between them.

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Forse has found himself enamoured with Tillinghast's work for a number of reasons.

He ranks with Ross and Seth Reynor in Forse's book because of "his strong strategy and versatility," Forse said. "He changed his style more than anybody. He was so versatile, he was hard to peg down.

"He was very strong and bold in his strategies and bunkering in creating risk-reward. And he would plateau his greens a lot. But you get to a place like Winged Foot and they are kind of plateaued, but there was so much rock he changed that, too."

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### on course costs

BY MARK LESLIE  
Worried the cost of golf is starting to drive people from the game, the incoming and outgoing presidents of the American Society of Golf Course Architects have presented arguments that would lead developers to make harsh choices about their projects.  
Picking sides in a point-counterpoint atmosphere, Past President Jeff Brauer of Golfscapes in Houston and new President Denis Griffiths of Braselton, Ga., agreed construction costs have escalated too high but disagreed over the cure.  
"Ten years ago there were few upscale daily-fee projects," Griffiths said. "Everyone today is doing

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