BRIEFS

GARLAND, Texas — RBI Golf, Inc. and course architect Richard Phelps have begun construction on the 27-hole $6 million addition to Firewheel Golf Park here. Once complete, the course will incorporate many lakes as well as natural vegetation, including the "Firewheel" flower, for which it is named. Phelps and RBI have previously teamed up on 15 projects, including Saddle Rock in Aurora, Colo.

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Pawleys Island, S.C. — Pawleys Plantation is working on $500,000 in improvements to enhance its Jack Nicklaus-designed course. Improvements include installing a computer-controlled irrigation system and sulfur generator in the lake to lower the pH level in the water and soil.

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London — American Golf (UK) Ltd. (AG-UK) has purchased Chartham Park Golf Club located in East Grinstead, Sussex, for £1,785 million. "Chartham Park Golf Club is an extraordinary and high-quality facility that fits perfectly in our national and South-London cluster-group of golf courses and clubs," said Geary Lethiers, AG-UK managing director.

Changes afoot at GCN editorial offices

Yarmouth, Maine — Golf Course News Publisher Charles von Brecht has announced several changes in the editorial and advertising staffs at the newspaper, including promotions of Mark Leslie and Peter Blais.

Leslie, the longtime managing editor, has been named editor, succeeding Michael Levans, who has taken over the Western territory on the sales staff after two years at the editorial helm of Golf Course News. Meanwhile, Blais, the associate editor for nine years, has assumed the managing editor post and Andrew Overbeck has been named associate editor.

The three will work in those same capacities with Golf Course News International (GCN), a bi-monthly newspaper which covers the golf industry outside North America.

Leslie has been with Golf Course News (GCN) since its inception in 1989. Before that, he worked in various editorial capacities with the Lewiston and Portland daily and Sunday newspapers in Maine. A 1971 graduate of the University of Maine in journalism, he has won a national award for his golf writing.

Blais joined GCN after a 5 1/2-year stint as a sports and business writer with the Central Maine Morning Sentinel.

He has earned a master's degree in business administration from Western State College, a bachelor's degree in English from the University of New Hampshire.

As managing editor, Blais will continue to focus on the course management aspects of the golf industry and be responsible for day-to-day operations at GCN.

Overbeck joined GCN as an interna-

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