San Diego design receives facelift

SAN DIEGO — Rancho Bernardo Inn, located 30 minutes north of downtown, has completed extensive improvements to its William Bell-designed 18-hole championship Resort Course.

To create a more intimate experience, existing bunkers were remodeled with larger, more rounded profiles, while other bunkers were added or deleted. New Augusta white sand was imported for contrasting color and playability. Extensive landscaping includes adding mounds, trees and natural vegetation, a complete rebuild of the 13th green and a new pond along the 11th green. A fourth set of tees was added throughout the course, changing the original ladies' tees from 5,500 yards to 4,900 yards.

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Foster to begin work in Iowa

MARSHALL COUNTY, Iowa — Dickson Jensen looked for a couple years to find a site for his vision. He found and assembled 800 acres and hired Keith Foster to design his landmark upscale daily-fee course.

The Harvester is now set to begin construction with high expectations. The site contains a 60-acre lake that will challenge the finishing holes. Foster said the ground is ideally suited for great golf, with elevation changes of 40 to 80 feet. Towering hardwoods, wetlands and natural creeks also further distinguish The Harvester property.

The par-72, 18-hole upscale track will play from 4,800 to 7,250 yards. In addition, The Harvester facility will have a nine-hole short course and a state-of-the-art practice facility. The Harvester is slated to open in the summer of 2000.

Massachusetts facility expands to 18 holes

REHOBOTH, Mass. — Hillside Country Club has celebrated its official expansion to 18 holes.

"The challenge of designing and building a beautiful course for all levels of knowledgeable golfers is now a reality," said owner and course designer George Cardono. "Players are impressed by the concepts inherent in each hole. They also tell me how the new holes blend overall to form a rewarding golf experience. They enjoy and respect the course. I couldn't ask for a better evaluation."

The semi-private course contains three par-5s, four par-3s and 11 par-4s over 6,000 yards. The slope is 126 and the course rating is 69.5.

Course enhancement and grooming will continue and is Cardono's uppermost project for the summer.

"Hillside is a work in progress," Cardono said, "and the progress is wonderful. Serafin Costa, our superintendent, is proud of our accomplishments here and his goal is to make Hillside the area's preferred golf course on the merits of its overall maintenance as well as its challenging design and natural beauty."