

## BRIEFS

**BRADENTON, Fla.**— Work is underway and a January opening planned at Waterlefe Golf & River Club near Bradenton. "Nine of the greens are sprigged and sodded already," Director of Sales Rob King said. Plans at Waterlefe include a championship golf course, fitness center, pool and nature trails that wind through the course and along the river. The Ted McAnlis-designed, 18-hole championship course, which includes practice greens and driving range, will be semi-private.

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**ALPHARETTA, Ga.**— Bergin Golf Designs has two projects scheduled for construction starts this fall. They are The Golf Club of Alabama, in Oxford, Ala., and Woodfin Golf Club, on Lake Bowen, north of Spartanburg, S.C. Bergin has also been selected to design the total renovation of The Sportsman of Perdido, former home of the PGA Tour's Pensacola Open.

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**AURORA, Colo.**— The city of Aurora has completed Murphy Creek Golf Course. Located east of Gun Club road, the Ken Kavanaugh-designed course was completed in September by RBI Golf of Littleton. A late-spring 2000 opening is expected.

## Pine Valley Golf Club neighbor breaks ground

**PINE HILL, N.J.**— Golf course designer Tom Fazio, course developer Eric Bergstol, and local state and town officials have broken ground on a new 18-hole championship golf course here. Due to open in the fall of 2000, it will be situated on the highest elevation in southern New Jersey overlooking the Philadelphia skyline.

The high-end, daily-fee club will be constructed less than a mile from the celebrated Pine Valley Golf Club.

The financial backing for Pine Hill Golf Club came from Bergstol. Bergstol developed and assisted in the design of New Jersey National Golf club in Basking Ridge, Minisceongo Golf Club in Pomona, N.Y., Hudson National Golf Club in Cro-



Architect Tom Fazio describes the Pine Hill Golf Club layout.

ton-on-Hudson, N.Y., and Pine Barrens Golf Club in Jackson, N.J.

"Our goal is to add to the growing list of premier golf destinations not only recognized within the state, but also nationally," said Bergstol.

"My goal is for Pine Hill to reflect the natural beauty of its setting," said Fazio. "This course will make optimum use of the existing property and will offer golfers of all skill levels a course that is fun, yet challenging."

## Griffiths designs new 36 at St. Andrews

By PETER BLAIS

**ST. ANDREWS, Scotland**— Developers held a ground-breaking ceremony here Oct. 13 for a new 36-hole golf facility and 200-room hotel located just two miles east of the most famous golf course in the world.

Developer Don Panoz of Savannah, Ga.,

hired Denis Griffiths to design the two courses. Griffiths and Panoz have worked together on five courses, including Chateau Elan, a Griffiths' effort outside Atlanta.

"The town of St. Andrews is the backdrop for many of the holes," Griffiths said. "It's just a spectacular piece of property."

Routing plans have not been finalized, although Griffiths said he is working with Scottish golfer Sam Torrance on the first 18 holes and Australian Bruce Devlin on the second.

The Georgia architect described the parcel as gently rolling farmland. "We won't have to do a lot of artificial earth

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## Lee scholarship program readied

TEQUESTA, Fla. — The Joe Lee Scholarship Foundation, a non-profit organization representing more than 300 Joe Lee-designed clubs and courses, launched the Joe Lee Scholarship Fund, an initiative dedicated to providing financial assistance and scholarships to children of employees of those courses.

The Joe Lee Fund will award grants to children of current or retired Joe Lee course employees to assist their continued education.

"Nothing is more important to the future of our extended golfing family than the ability of the children of dedicated golf course employees to continue their educations," said Lee. "I'm extremely proud to have my name on this effort and very grateful to our Joe Lee board of directors and members clubs and courses for their enthusiastic support."

To date, through the contributions of the Joe Lee board of directors and several friends, the fund has raised more than \$50,000 as seed money to support the continuing education of deserving Joe Lee course employees' children.

Now, the fund — on behalf of Lee courses and clubs — is broadening its efforts including inviting members of the supplier/vendor community to consider supporting the scholarship fund.

Donations can be sent to: The Joe Lee Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 1270, Boynton Beach, Fla. 33435. People may contact Tom Minnehan, golf professional at Turtle Creek Club, 561-746-8884, for further information.


## Griffiths

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work. We'll do a lot with native plant material and probably only use about 40 percent of the site.

"We'll revegetate with native materials because it's described as an 'agriculturally degraded' property. We'll put heather, gorse and U.K. grasses back in. The course will probably be mostly heathland with a bit of parkland. We probably won't be planting any trees."

Griffiths said the first course should open in August 2001 and the second a year later. No builder has been selected.

"It's taken awhile to get the permits," Griffiths said. "The property came with some permits in place, but we've gone over a few hurdles with the city of St. Andrews." 

## Calif. layout set for Nov. opening

GILROY, Calif. — Eagle Ridge Golf Club, a Crown Golf Properties-managed facility, is on schedule for a Nov. 19 soft opening.

Scott Hathaway was recently named general manager/director of golf of the 7,035-yard layout, which was designed by golfer Johnny Miller and architect Ronald Fream. The course is spread over 197 acres in the western foothills of Gilroy.

The course is part of the 890-home Eagle Ridge master-planned community being developed by Shapell Industries of Northern California, Standard Pacific Homes of Northern California and Gilroy-based Glen-Loma Group.



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