

BRIEFS

KIAWAH ISLAND, S.C. — The newest addition to The Kiawah Island Club, the *Cassique* course, will open April 24. *Cassique* is the first solo design in the U.S. by golfer Tom Watson. Members of The Kiawah Island Club, a private club located on Kiawah Island 30 minutes south of Charleston, S.C., also enjoy championship golf at The River Course, an 18-hole design by Tom Fazio.

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SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Camelback Golf Club has reopened after 10 months and \$16 million of enhancements that include a complete re-design of one of the two 18-hole courses, a new practice range, and a new 36,000-square-foot clubhouse. The new, par-72 Resort Course was designed by architect Arthur Hills. The 6,868-yard layout features traditional square tees, dramatic bunkers, many new water hazards and panoramic views.

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EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Horizon Golf, a golf course water-feature contractor, has acquired Colorado-based water-feature contractor Aspen Golf, strengthening Horizon's ability to provide construction and consulting services to new and existing courses.

First Grand Tour Scholarship winners chosen

SANTA ROSA, Calif. — Fresh off the completion of her own journey to some of the top-rated golf courses in the United States and the United Kingdom, Bettina Schrickel, now a design associate with Golfplan/Fream and Dale, has announced the inaugural winners of the Grand Tour Scholarship that she created.

Jose Makk, a turfgrass management at Michigan State University from Argentina, and William Bowden, a turfgrass management student from England, were chosen for the Eastern route. Paul Mogford, a golf course architecture student from Australia and Colin Mumford, a turfgrass management student from England, will be traveling on the Western route.

The Western route will kick off April 2
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Members of the Grand Tour Scholarship's selection committee (left to right) Rolf Krueger, Howard Swan, Bettina Schrickel, Steven M. Wright, Dr. Michael Hurdzan and Edward C. Horton.



David Premo

Premo added to Golf Course News staff

David Premo has joined the Golf Division of United Publications, Inc. in the new post of group publisher. His primary responsibility will be strengthening and extending the brands, which include

Golf Course News and *Golf Course News International*.

Charles von Brecht will remain as publisher of the two industry newspapers.

During his career, Premo has held similar positions with responsibility for magazines, conferences, trade shows and web-based publications. He has worked in several athletic industry segments prior

to golf, plus finance, medicine, transportation and technology sectors. Premo served as vice chair of the Publishing Committee of the American Business Press and has lectured publishers on brand extension.

He moved into marketing and publication management from an editorial background. Publications under his editorial direction have won numerous awards,

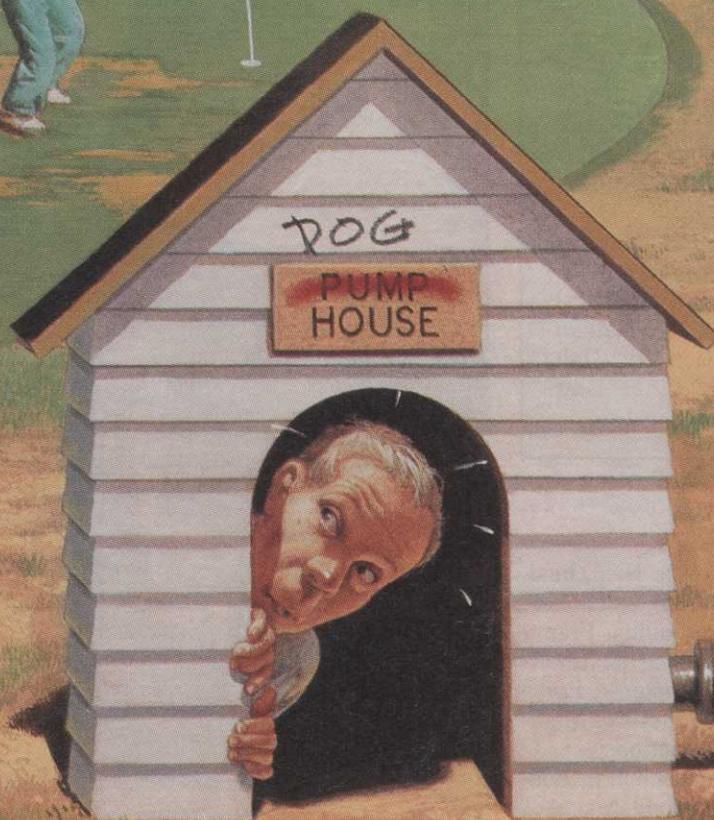
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Baird lauds Korean course

By MARK LESLIE

CHUNG-NAM, Korea—Construction is resuming this spring on Daiwood Corp.'s \$150-million East Lake Country Club, a 27-hole project that will include a \$30-million clubhouse and nine holes that American course architect Gary Roger Baird calls "another Paradise."

"We have a vertical tram to get from one 18 to the third 9 so we don't destroy the mountain," Baird said. "We call it the Hidden Valley Nine. You feel like you're in Eden. It's been a great, great experience."

Grand Tour

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in San Francisco and end April 23 in Fort Worth, Texas. In that time the students will visit 16 golf courses including San Francisco Golf Club, Los Angeles Golf Club, Sanctuary Golf Club in Sedalia, Colo., and Prairie Dunes Golf Club in Hutchinson, Kan. The Eastern route will commence on April 7 in Orlando and wind down on May 4 in Boston. The route covers 22 courses including the TPC at Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., Augusta National, Oakmont Country Club in Ardmore, Pa., and The Country Club in Brookline, Mass. The students will be required to keep a travel log book in which they describe every day the most interesting aspects observed on each golf course.

Helping Schrickel make this year's selections and shape the scope of the scholarship were Rolf Krueger, Rain Bird International, Howard Swan, president of the British Institute of Golf Course Architects, Steven M. Wright, superintendent at Long Cove Club, Dr. Michael Hurdzan and Edward C. Horton, vice president of the Pebble Beach Co. Rain Bird International is funding the 2000 scholarship.

"The scholarship has already gained wide recognition amongst colleges and companies related to golf course design, development and maintenance as well as golf courses," said Schrickel.

Schrickel expects the Grand Tour Scholarship to continue and will make an announcement for the 2001 scholarship by September. She is also considering moving course visits to late May or June, which would be more convenient for most full-time students. "The idea was also raised to extend the Grand Tour Scholarship by creating further routes to the British Isles and, perhaps, even to other countries," said Schrickel. "The 2000 candidates will be invited to contribute to the realization of those routes."

This all sits about 10 miles from the DMZ, and is being built as a companion to Daiwood's 27-hole Pochun Adonis Country Club, north of Seoul.

"When they resume construction," said Baird, "it will be completed very quickly. A lot of the sod is already down."

Baird said about 6 to 8 million

cubic yards of dirt will be moved. Much of the construction, over canyons and mountains, is on a 2-to-1 slope. And Baird, an expert on difficult terrain, said the project will serve to prove that golf courses can improve the environment.

Enormous dams, and huge pipes in the fairways, were installed to redirect runoff away from populated areas into rice paddies.

Baird cited Korean engineer Jae Lee as "the best civil engineer in the world in this field."

Another challenge was retaining the area's vegetation and avoiding "mountain scars," he said.

Abounding in boulders, and boasting 800 to 900 feet of elevation change, East Lake's Hidden Valley Nine "may be the best nine holes I've ever done," Baird said. "It has water holes, lakes,

water features, and thousands of azaleas reflecting off the lakes."

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Pochun Adonis Country Club, north of Seoul, is open now. "Everyone in Asia got hit by the economy a couple years ago. They had a soft opening through this period," Baird said. "The course is now being played and is absolutely awesome. Not just because of our efforts but everyone's."

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