Portuguese course committed to environment

CARVOEIRO, Portugal - The Vale da Pinta and Gramacho golf courses here on the Portuguese Algarve, are busy re-affirming and developing their environmental program. This program is an integrated management plan that associates the golf purposes with the environment purposes.

Underlying this initiative is the stated principle that 'Golf can be an example for a good environmental practice', and Carvoeiro golf operators are embracing this principle with the view that both sporting performance and environmental management can go hand in hand.

The four 'cornerstones' of Carvoeiro are:
- Correct management — Adopting the best management practices for golf course, which are harmonized into establishing the purpose, identifying the responsible persons, and evaluating results.
- Acting according to the law - both national and European.
- Protect the biological diversity - maximizing the golf courses ecological potential.
- Communication and education - ensuring that employees, associates and customers understand the environmental attitude, policies and practices.

This individual program is being developed by Eng. Miguel Grosso along with course director Jose Matias and greenkeeper Joaquim Costa.

Following closely the 'Committed to Green' program is the 'Green Globe' program, which is based on recommendations from Agenda 21 from the earth conference held in Rio de Janeiro in June 1992.

Specifically, Carvoeiro Golf has initiated a number of management practices such as: inkpot and toner cartridges to be refilled and reused, pesticides to be used as 'correctives' rather than 'preventatives', machine oil to be recycled via a specialist company, paper to be recycled along with other packaging such as fertilizer and pesticide containers. Initiated in March was an agreement with the Algarve University to offer three students work placements which will involve the study and cataloguing of the flora and fauna on the golf courses.

Golf industry veteran Burress retires

MELBOURNE, Fla. — Saying "golf has really been good to me and an exciting adventure," Eugene Burress is retiring as manager of golf operations for the Brevard County Parks and Recreation Department and its three courses.

"It's been a great near-40 years in the golf business and 54 years playing the game," said the 67-year-old Burress, whose credentials include being a founding member of the U.S. Golf Association's (USGA) Public Golf Committee and serving on its Public Links Championship Committee for 10 years.

Burress was a golf professional, a certified golf course superintendent and built 14 golf courses, personally designing or redesigning eight courses and working with architects Michael Hurdzan, Jack Kidwell, Arthur Hills and Charles Ankrum.

After 20 years in the U.S. Air Force as a golf professional and superintendent, he supervised Cincinnati's seven golf courses from 1973 to 1991 when he took over as general manager of the 27-hole Cocoa Beach (Fla.) Country Club, supervising construction of a new 18-hole course and clubhouse.

After two years as a consultant, he went to work for Brevard County.

He was executive director of the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Golf Association from 1981-90, a public golf advisor to the Greater Cincinnati Golfers Association from 1982-90 and a trustee to the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation from 1978-79.


The acquisition will immediately position ClubCorp as a major company in the golf acquisition, management and development industry.

"This is the first step toward achieving our goal of establishing a national company with over 50 facilities in the next five years" said Deron Bocks, president of corporate operations at GolfMatrix. "When we founded the company, we targeted the Mid-Atlantic, Southeast, and Northern Midwest as our primary areas of focus for future growth. This acquisition provided us an excellent platform for future growth as well as a tremendous opportunity to establish ourselves as a dominant player in one of our key geographic regions."

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