

## McBroom moving beyond Canada, designing in Caribbean and Finland

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TORONTO — Golf architect Tom McBroom, well-known for his award-winning designs across Canada, is making his debut as an international designer with commissions to build courses in Finland and in the Caribbean island state of St. Kitts & Nevis.

The Royal St. Kitts Golf Course will be built adjacent to a new beachfront resort to be operated by the Marriott Hotel group.

The par-71, 6,944-yard course will include a driving academy and teaching facility. Two sides of the property offer stunning



Twelfth hole at McBroom's Algonquin GC, in New Brunswick

ocean views.

Construction of the 18-hole course started in June with a scheduled opening in November 2002, coinciding with the opening of the Royal St. Kitts Beach Resort, a 650-room development already under construction.

"Royal St. Kitts will be a sensational resort course that will

rank among the best courses in the Caribbean," McBroom said.

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The Kytäjä Golf Course, 30 minutes from downtown Helsinki, will be a 36-hole private/resort complex, with a practice academy and a teaching facility. It's scheduled to open in spring 2003.

The par-72 Mountain Course will play to 7,079 yards, while the par-72 Lake Course will check in at 7,030 yards.

This North American-style facility includes a country hotel and is located on an 11,000-acre estate owned by the prominent Laakkonen family of Joensuu, Finland.

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expected to re-open Aug. 1.

"The country club has been here for 85 years," said course superintendent Ron Wright. "Over that time many architects have redone bits and pieces and there are several greens committee greens out here. We basically had an old course that looked modern and we wanted to go back and use Ross' thinking."

In addition to adding 36 bunkers, they are also completely changing the greens. "The greens will be totally different to putt on. They will be more accessible in front, have straighter sides and some will be more severe," said Wright.

The key to getting the classical look back has been the final shaping that builder C.R. Sanders has done by hand, especially on the greens.

"The average contractor in Ross' day made a better golf course than the average contractor does now, because now they get out on the bulldozer and move earth in a way that does not lend itself to the hand-made classic look," Forse said.

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On the West Coast, Forse is also redoing Ross' Peninsula Golf and Country Club. The 1922 layout is going to be completely rebuilt over the next two years. In addition to modernizing all tees and greens, every bunker will be rebuilt and some Ross bunkers will be restored.

"We did a master plan and we will tackle nine holes at a time," said Forse. "This year we are going to do the back nine, the range and the short game area."

Another focus at Peninsula will be to improve drainage. "There is 250 feet of elevation change throughout the property, but they have a clay soil that does not drain well," Forse added. "We are going to sand cap all fairways and install four-inch drainage tile." ■

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