based here, has hired Mark Garrity as a director and landscape architect with more than 15 years of experience in golf course and hotel/resort landscape architectural design. His range of experience also includes management of an overseas office in Bangkok, where he completed numerous large-scale resort and golf course projects in Indonesia and Thailand. They include Blue Lagoon, a master-planned resort community in Pattaya, Thailand, and Emerald One, a golf resort and clubhouse complex in Jakarta.

Mark Garrity

RYANGOLF ADDS TWO IN FLORIDA

DEERFIELD BEACH, Fla. — RyanGolf has landed two new construction projects, both in Florida. U.S. Home Corp. has selected RyanGolf to build an 18-hole Arthur Hills-designed layout in Bradenton, to be called The Harborage Golf Club. Completion is scheduled for late summer of this year. In addition, developer Gulf Bay Group has awarded RyanGolf the construction contract for The Creek Course, also designed by the Hills firm. The Creek layout, unfolding in Naples, will feature 16 lakes, rock bridges and nature preserves. It is expected to be finished by October.

RyanGolf Special Projects Manager Tripp Davis puts tee to green at The Tribute.

TRIPP DAVIS PUTS WEE BIT O' SCOTLAND IN TEXAS

THE COLONY, Texas — Golf course architect Tripp Davis is a huge fan of Scottish golf. He's logged lots of time not only playing Scotland's courses but studying their design. So when American Golf Corp. asked him to build a Scottish-links-style course here at The Colony, Davis was more than ready.

"They wanted me to take my 18 favorite Scottish holes and build a course that reflects their influence," Davis said. "The idea was to use it as a marketing tool, and that's where they've gone with it. For me, as an architect, it was a dream project.

The recently opened final product, called The Tribute Golf Club — a tribute to Scottish golf — is challenging but plenty of fun. It checks in at just over 7,000 yards from the tips and 5,352 from short pegs, and it features holes inspired by some of Scotland's most storied courses: St. Andrews, Carnoustie, Royal Troon, Nairn, Prestwick and six others. The Old Course at St. Andrews rates four "appearances," and Carnoustie and Prestwick two apiece.

It's like the Grand Canyon," said Charlie Arrington, Kiawah Island's director of design and planning. "You can see all the pictures you want, but you can't really experience the depth and emotion until you see it."
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fit in with the overall landscape. Each area will be carefully studied and details documented on how the plantings do and how well each adds to the environmental habitat of the course.

"We will have a true 'living laboratory' with a variety of as many as 40 or 50 themes for golf course planting and design," Kubly said. The intent is to have a golf course that establishes new parameters for environmental considerations – one that other designers, horticulturists and superintendents can visit and learn from.

During early planning, input was sought from National Arbor Day Foundation experts as well as arborists from several locales. Tree consultant Chuck Stewart of Urban Forest Management Inc., in Chicago, added his expertise during the planning meetings. Most of the native trees already in the area will be left, some will be moved. "We'll use a tree spade to move some good-sized trees to new areas, and document how larger, naturally trees handle being moved," Kubly added.

About half the dirt has been moved so far and half the holes are already shaped, according to Landscapes Unlimited project coordinator Dave Truttman. Plans call for construction to be completed this fall and the course to open for play next spring.

PALMER DONATING SERVICES

Palmer Course Design is donating its design services to the project. Palmer Course Design's vice president and managing director Erik Larsen and design associate Kory Williams are directing the design work.

"We expect ArborLinks to become a classroom for everybody in the golf business," said Larsen. "Together with the agroforestry specialists at Arbor Day Farm, we hope to show that small seedlings can catch up to bigger three to four-inch trees in just a few years. This could be a big savings for golf course construction in the future," Kubly said. "Even different irrigation designs will be tested and documented as well. We intend this project to be a future guide-line for golf construction as well as design," he said. "We're experimenting with different methods for building greens and bunkers, even trying some different products. Plus, we're keeping track of labor hours for each step in the process.

Not only will different grass types be planted and evaluated over the next few years, but different planting techniques will be tested, as well. Some new tree varieties will be seeded, some will be planted as bare rootstock and some as container-grown trees.

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Kubly said their goal is to bring the new course on stream, including a new clubhouse, for under $5 million. "Our investment goal is to help construction and environmental best practices on the ArborLinks project, allowing us to make better business and environmental decisions on future projects," he said.

No housing areas are included in the design for ArborLinks. "We believe we can demonstrate that efficient design and build techniques can get a new course built within reasonable cost levels," Kubly added. "And that a well-designed course can contribute to wildlife habitat and the overall environment."