Harbottle busy up and down the West Coast

TACOMA, Wash. — Architect John Harbottle is rolling hot, with several new courses and renovation projects underway up and down the West Coast.

For its latest effort, John Harbottle Design has teamed up with ISI Oregon Facilities Corp., LLC, to develop a course for the Port of Tillamook Bay, Ore. The 18-hole, par-72 course, which is just off highway 101 near the Tillamook Airport, will be the cornerstone of a development that will include a hotel and convention center.

Construction is also close to getting underway on two other Harbottle designs. The public access Juniper Golf Course in Redmond, Ore., will break ground this spring. Harbottle is also working with PGA Tour veteran Johnny Miller on Eaglewood Country Club in Truckee, Calif. Work on the high-end private club will commence once the permitting process is complete.

RENOVATIONS IN L.A.

Renovation work is also continuing apace for Harbottle. The firm completed a $2.5 million renovation project at Hillcrest Country Club in Los Angeles this November. Harbottle partially restored the Willie Wilson design, which opened in 1920, and added modifications to keep pace with the modern pace of the game.

All greens were rebuilt to USGA recommendations and expanded to their original shape and size. Bunkers, tees and fairways were modified for the modern player, but shaped to create a classic look. Oliphant Golf Construction of Madison, Wis., handled the construction work at Hillcrest and course superintendent Reed Yenny oversaw the grow-in process.

The architect is also completing renovation projects at the Tillinghast/Bell-designed Virginia Country Club in Long Beach, Calif., which is expected to open this spring. In addition, he is restoring the bunkers at Waverly Country Club in Portland, Ore., and Hillcrest Country Club in Boise, Idaho.

Tiger Point's East Course re-opens

GULF BREEZE, Fla. — The Tiger Point Golf and Country Club's East Course re-opened Jan. 7, following a redesign by Jerry Pate.

Pate, as a previous owner and one of the original designers of Tiger Point, was the man for the job here in Florida's panhandle. “When designing Tiger Point's East Course, my design philosophy was to allow the greatest number of golfers to receive a maximum amount of enjoyment from the layout and their games,” said Pate. “The contours of the putting surfaces are large, flowing and undulating. Tiger Point East totally balances with par-3s, 4s and 5s in opposing directions to accommodate the prevailing breezes.”

Since October of 1999, the course has been under ownership of Meadowbrook Golf.

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