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requiring extensive and expensive
renovations to retrofit existing fa-
cilities. New courses will need to
accommodate these advancements
by being lengthened, and that will
certainly increase expenses. Mak-
ing the game easier doesn’t neces-
sarily equate to more people play-
ing, either. Keeping golf affordable
is more of an enticement.

Another important aspect that will
be affected is the heritage of the
game. Innocently enough, Bobby
Jones spoke no truer words when
he said of Jack Nicklaus, ‘You play
a game with which I’m unfamiliar.’
How much did that have to do with
technological advances? I just hate
to see tradition and history take a
back seat to technology when we’re
dealing with any of our favorite
pastimes.”

— G. Steven Hupe, general man-
ger and director of golf operations,
Marriott Golf, Stone Mountain Golf
Club, Stone Mountain, Ga.

• “There is no doubt improve-
ments in club and ball technology
will result in longer courses, and
longer courses will require more
land and cost more. It may be that
the game should be played on two
tiers, a super-championship course
circuit where courses are 9,000 yards
and players can use whatever tech-
nology has to offer; the other level
being the championship circuit as
played today, where club and ball
technology is controlled. Think of it
as the NASCAR approach.”

— Garrett Gill, president, Gill
Miller Inc., Golf Course Architects,
River Falls, Wis.