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week of the April 11 official
closing the land deal. The course,
which Harris will own and oper-
ate, is scheduled to open in sum-
mer 2004.
The stone-and-log clubhouse
will be built using native lumber
from the Maine woods. Details are
still being finalized, but the fin-
ished product is intended to be a
reflection of the natural surround-
ings at Sunday River.

While the construction plan is
ambitious, Duplessis said she did not
foresee any delays in opening
the course as scheduled.

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to follow the development of the
course at Sunday River in future
issues.

Hills' Inverness work on display at Open
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some cases, Hills restored sev-
eral greens that had been soft-
ened by years of wear and tear.

On the 18th hole, Hills replaced
a right-side fairway bunker with
three smaller pot bunkers to put
more of a premium on shot place-
ment. The remaining fairway bun-
kers on 18 were repaired and had
their bottoms leveled to correct
shifting that had occurred over the
years.

Hills added additional yardage
to four holes, the 8th, 9th, 14th
and 17th.

With the Senior Open in mind,
space was cleared around a num-
ber of greens to make room for
spectator stands that will be
erected this month.

— Derek Rice

McNulty had the opportunity to install Sand-
trapper, an advanced polymer designed
specifically for lining bunkers. "With so many
of the newly redefined bunkers having dramatic
shapes and flashing, we had to identify a
solution." Along with new drainage systems,
they installed Sandtrapper on the severe
slopes to complete the bunker renovation on 9
of their 27 holes.

We followed up with Mike to see how well
Sandtrapper worked on his new bunkers.
"This product has worked exceptionally well.
We've had several big storms recently that
washed out a number of bunkers without
Sandtrapper." When asked how this product
aided in his renovation, he replied, "We're going
to install Sandtrapper on another 9 holes this
year."

As we finished our discussion, we realized that
the old photographs produced a nice surprise
for Philadelphia Country Club. Mike closed by
adding "Bringing back the drama and grandeur
of such a place has really been satisfying."

For those who are contemplating renovation,
we're familiar with the common saying among
Superintendents—"It's supposed to be a hazard".

Mike discovered how to renovate bunkers so
they stayed hazards for the golfers and not his
maintenance budget.

If you're planning some projects this year,
make the bunkers a priority. Hundreds have
already done it.

To find out more about Sandtrapper, call IVI-GOLF
at 888-970-5111 or visit the website at

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stated last fall at its annual meeting
(GCN, Dec. 2002). At that time,
executive director Joe Louis Bar-
row said the organization was well
on its way to achieving its goal of
reaching 500,000 people by the
end of 2005. The primary objec-
tives for 2002 were to introduce
60,000 youths to golf, open 40
dedicated facilities and establish
75 affiliate relationships. While
the number of facilities was lower
than anticipated (30), The First Tee far
exceeded the other two goals, reach-
ing 100,000 youths and establish-
ing 100 affiliate relationships.

This year, according to the report, the
organization hopes to reach 90,000
youths, open 45 facilities and es-

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