

It is spectacular!

Blue Springs golf course is situated on 540 acres of farm land and provides the golfer with a very relaxing but challenging game of golf.

The media was given a real treat by the creators of Blue Springs Golf Club in Acton, on June 21 of this year. Everyone was welcomed by Stu Holloway the Public Relations director, then we proceeded (golf cart provided) to the 17th one of the prettiest on the course. Here we were given a ball to see who could get closest to the hole. For all those who landed on the green a \$50 donation was made on their behalf to Junior Golf. The individual coming closest to the hole received a \$250 gift certificate to the pro shop. After this we had a very tasty and well served lunch at Mulligans Grill, the course restaurant, prior to teeing off.

Blue Springs boasts many things. Ted Ellis the superintendent has done an excellent job with his crew. Management kept the public away for one year; a good idea. It is the headquarters of the CPGA and will host the PGA Championship in 1993. It has a challenging 18 hole course and a smaller 9 hole par 3, plus practice fairways and greens. It is also the home of probably the top golf instruction facility in Canada. This will be run by Score Magazine, Accuform Golf Ltd., Blue Springs plus two of the country's top instructors - head professional Shelley Woolner and former P.G.A. player Ben Kern. Not a bad accomplishment for a golf course that is only a year old.

There is more - the 1991 green fees are very reasonable; take a golf car and you will see the course in all its beauty. Congratulations Blue Springs!

As far as I am concerned it is definitely "worth the drive to Acton". - Michael Bladon, Editor

TURFGRASS CENTRE PLANS CONSTRUCTION



Construction is expected to begin later this year on the Guelph Turfgrass Institute research and information centre. Completion is slated for late spring 1992.

The centre, designed by Briestensky Architects Ltd. of Guelph, will be used for education, research and extension in the turfgrass industry. It will be located on a 53-acre site owned by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food adjacent to The Arboretum.

Fund-raising efforts, spearheaded by Clay Switzer, special adviser to the president and chair of the institute's fund-raising committee, have collected \$950,000 towards the \$1.5-million goal.

The major contributor, institute member "Mac" Frost, has donated \$500,000.

The centre will contain conference facilities for up to 60 people, public access to publications and computer-reference materials, a display area, a research laboratory and storage and office space.

Turfgrass research now being conducted at the Cambridge Research Station will be moved to the institute's new site over the next five years.