

Golf by the hour hailed as 'major breakthrough'

A new idea could change the shape of golf and help to bring the sport to areas where space has previously denied the opportunity for courses to be built.

Golf Courts have been hailed as a major breakthrough for the sport on a number of fronts, not only because a golf court can provide a full round of golf on just 6-15 acres, but also because it provides the opportunity to play the game by the hour. And with the prospect of floodlit golf, Golf Courts looks set to revolutionise the game.

The concept of the Golf Court

stems from its development in 1988 when Systems Designer, Farrel Bradbury, suffered a stroke and was advised to take up golf. Soon hooked on the game, he converted six acres of land into an 18 hole course comprising par three and par four holes.

Having spent eight years fine tuning his idea, Bradbury's system of a stepped fairway using four greens, and eight tee positions means that with no more than 15 acres, or a tenth of the normal size of a golf course, a full round of golf can be played.

Interest is now intense in Golf Courts around the world with developers of urban land keen to have the court installed.

The Golf Court is booked on an hourly basis with three matches on the court at any one time. Every club in the bag is brought into use and whether the court is in the grounds of a hotel, a private home or is part of a mix of leisure facilities, it is ideal for those who want to fit more golf into their week and is certain to provide the answer to many personal and corporate dreams.

FLYING DIVOTS

■ Emma Duggleby, who worked for the Association during the winter of '92 - '93 and in the



early part of this year on a temporary contract, has returned to Aldwark Manor on a full time basis as an Administrative Assistant.

A top amateur golfer, Emma (25) won the British Ladies' Championship in 1994 and has represented England for the last three years and Great Britain and Ireland on several occasions, including in South Africa when she played on a GB&I team which won a "Test Series" 2-0.

This year she won the Northern Foursomes and the Keighley Trophy and was runner-up in both the English Strokeplay and Yorkshire Championships.

She was made an Honorary Member of Malton and Norton Golf Club while her boyfriend, Neil Clarkson, is an assistant professional at Sand Moor Golf Club.

Away from the golf course she is also a keen netball player and represents Broughton, Swinton and Amotherby.

"I'm delighted to be back at BIGGA and thoroughly enjoy working at Aldwark Manor," said Emma.

■ Former US Vice President Dan Quayle will speak at the GCSAA Conference and Show in Anaheim, California next February.

Quayle, an avid golfer who was a 1997 US Senior Open entrant, will speak on the issues of commitment to family, personal value structure and his career as an elected official.



The King's Course features the world's first floating fairway

Bumper package for US courses

Eight golf courses in the Myrtle Beach area of South Carolina, USA, will soon be groomed almost exclusively by Ransomes, Cushman and Ryan turf maintenance equipment. Owned and operated by the Myrtle Beach National Company, the eight courses are part of one of the top golfing resort regions in the United States.

The extensive package of new equipment includes 20 Greens Super 55 walk-behind greens mowers; 13 Ransomes fairway 305 fiveplex mowers;

12 Ransomes Fairway 250 fiveplex mowers; 12 Greensplex 160 riding greens mowers; 12 Ransomes T-Plex 185 tee and surrounds mowers; nine Cushman Groom Master bunker groomers and seven 700 Series rider rotary mowers

One of the newest Myrtle Beach courses, The King's Course was designed by Arnold Palmer. The course derives its name from The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews' crowning of Palmer as "The King of Golf" in 1995

during his final appearance at The British Open. The course features the world's first floating fairway.

Clay Brittain Jnr, Chairman of the Myrtle Beach National Company, said, "We realised we were spending too much time and money on the repairs of equipment we had kept for too many years. This caused a lot of downtime. When we decided to bring our equipment up to date, Ransomes came to us with an exceptional package of equipment."

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