

Arne van Amerongen, currently working as a Supervisor for Harradine Golf in Dubai, gives some advice on using the local environment to its best advantage

Nature trek



Architects who try to impose their preconceived ideas on the tract of country on which they have been asked to design a new course, not only penalise their clients with exaggerated costs but frequently create huge unexpected problems.

Working with nature gives a natural acclimatised look to the new course.

Trying to reshape the landscape results in an artificial contrived appearance.

This is clearly demonstrated by the construction of a new Golf Course Golf De Lavaux in Switzerland, situated between Lausanne and Montreux. The site was a very rocky hillside at 700 metres above sea level.

Massive rocks weighing 10 tonnes and more had to be ripped out by a D-9 Caterpillar before anything approaching a level fairway could be graded out, let alone green sites.

Burying the rocks was not feasible because of the lack of soil to provide adequate soil cover over the mounts. The problem of disposal of these huge rocks could have been very costly, but they were incorporated into the design both as features and to impart character to the course. One has to consider safety, of course, but when the rough is full of rocks a few massive specimens to penalise

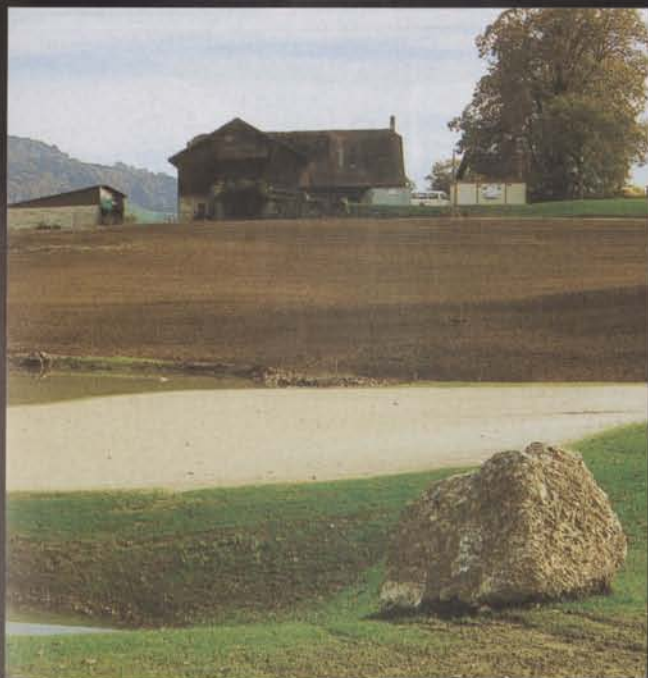


wayward shots cannot be unduly criticised! The rock is behind the green - not in the approach area.

Another sensible use was to spread rocks in the beds of streams to prevent washout and to create attractive torrents as shown in illustration 3. This prevents erosion, creates an attractive feature and finds a

useful home for large numbers of excavated rocks.

Only rarely are courses built in ideal environments. With less than perfect conditions, improvisation and the intelligent use of local materials is far more effective than trying to create an entire new artificial landscape as well as costing much less.




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