

Matthews integrates forest, course

A densely forested 192 acres over rolling topography challenged architect Jerry Matthews of Matthews & Associates in his design of Timber Ridge Golf Course in Bath Township of East Lansing, Mich.

Timber Ridge Development Co. plans to open the 18-hole, par-72 public course in May.

The course covers 6,655 yards on the back tees, 6,260 on middle and 5,245 on forward tees.

Matthews points to the course's picturesque views, especially from the elevated 10th and 17th tees, and the privacy along the heavily forested area, as unique features.

Two natural ponds mean three water holes on the front nine and four on the back nine. And the site includes an 88-foot elevation change and 61 bunkers.



Jerry Matthews designed this scenic 18-hole Timber Ridge course amid a heavily wooded 192 acres.

Kidwell, Hurdzan finish courses

Several golf courses around the country designed by Kidwell & Hurdzan, Inc. will open this year—from the resurrected Carolina Trace course in West Harrison, Ind., to the 27 holes in a tidewater area for the Hampton (Va.) Roads Golf Course.

Kidwell & Hurdzan courses in the growing stages awaiting warm-weather openings include the Hampton course; Carolina Trace, now called Grand Oak; Baker Reserve Golf Course in Minneapolis, Minn.; Shamrock Golf Club in Powell, Ohio; Cedarbrook Golf Course in Belle Vernon, Pa.; Boone Links in Florence, Ky.; Link at Renaissance in Cleveland, Ohio; and Hillcrest Country Club in Batesville, Ind.

The city of Hampton and GRC Golf Contractors of Fort Pierce, Fla., coordinated by Can-Am Golf, built the Hampton course. Fourteen of its holes are built on a landfill and were designed in the rolling linksland style, while the other 13 holes were built in a mature woods, with four holes across ponds

and a waterfall in the tidewater area.

Grand Oak, along the Ohio-Indiana border near Cincinnati, was originally built in the 1960s but went out of business. Urged on by PGA pro Paul Bessler, a group of investors decided to have the near-mountainous site totally redesigned.

Baker Reserve was strategically routed around existing wetlands, silviculture test areas and specimen vegetation. Eight holes were rebuilt and 10 new holes added on the acreage where ducks and deer still live.

Free-form landscapes and large tees and greens highlight the Shamrock course that was built by Salyers Golf Course Construction. The course is expected to open around Memorial Day.

Pittsburgh's Stawovy family, already operating two public golf courses, added another 27 holes with the steep Cedarbrook course.

Willard Stambaugh of Quality Golf Course Construction built the course which includes a tunnel under Interstate 70.

Boone Links' nine new holes was a unique development in that the Ralph Drees Co. and Associates signed an agreement that gave Boone County the land for the course in exchange for the right to integrate housing among the new holes. The course features a waterfall along with several stone walls built by prisoners from the county workhouse.

Links at Renaissance, a contemporary-looking par-64 executive course, was built around the perimeter of a health-care facility.

The course is complemented by a commercial driving range, short game learning center and pay-by-the-hour putting green.

Hillcrest's nine new holes, built by Stambaugh, traverse very intense slopes that border a creek which in turn bisects the site down its long axis. Kidwell and Hurdzan feel the course offers "a dramatic departure in earth sculpture, short in yardage but very demanding in shot value."

Please keep us informed

Each month, Golf Course News—in cooperation with the American Society of Golf Course Architects—will publish news stories on new golf courses being built in the United States.

We are asking people who are planning or have begun construction of new courses, or rebuilding or expansion of existing ones, to write to

Golf Course News, P.O. Box 767, Yarmouth, Maine 04096.

Golf Course News is particularly interested in:

- The city and state of the course.
- The owner, builder and architect.
- The number of holes and total yards.
- Whether the course is private, daily fee or municipal.
- The target date for completion.
- The type of terrain or any outstanding features of the layout of the course.
- Color or black and white photos of unique holes.

Two Carrick courses take shape in Ontario

Douglas Carrick of Robinson & Carrick Associates Ltd. has designed two new courses that are being built in Ontario, Canada—one involving pro Curtis Strange as a design adviser for the first time in North America.

Both courses are scheduled to be completed in August and to open in 1990.

Strange is involved with Carrick in designing the King Valley Golf and Country Club course in Snowball. The 18-hole 6,891-

yard layout traverses wooded and rolling terrain, and water is in play on seven holes.

Bruce S. Evans is building the course for the owner, King Valley Investments.

Rolling terrain at the base of the Niagara escarpment is Carrick's challenge for the Greystones Golf and Country Club in Milton, Ontario.

The 18-hole, 6,800-yard course will be owned by Marcel Gasparetto and George Schram.

Lohman helping on back 9 at Settler's Hill Golf Club

Lohmann Golf Designs of Crystal Lake, Ill., has announced it will assist in designing and building the back nine at Settler's Hill Golf Club in Batavia, Ill.

Tim Miles, president of John Jacob's Golf Management, will oversee design and construction.

Bob Lohmann feels the result of the combined efforts of Miles and Lohmann Golf Designs will be a challenging and fair course.

The course is the first in Illinois to be

built on a landfill.

Waste Management, Inc. dedicated the landfill, the Kane County Forest Preserve and the first nine holes at Settler's Hill to the city of Batavia last October.

Lohmann Golf Designs is also working with Fuzzy Zoeller to design Boulder Ridge Country Club in Crystal Lake.

Settler's Hill Golf Course will be managed by John Jacob's Golf Management.

FACT:

"We need to build one golf course every day until the year 2000"

Does one belong in your community?

Our research shows the demand for golf in the U.S. is such that some 4,500 new courses will be needed by the Year 2000.

This averages out to 375 per year. Unfortunately, the current rate is closer to 125 per year.

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