

VP Quayle given Fazio-designed green

A special Christmas present two months early surprised Vice President Dan Quayle. The golf-loving lawmaker was given a Tom Fazio-designed putting green for his backyard.

Fazio confirmed that "a couple of golf fanatic friends" of the vice president hired the Florida-based architect to design the green while he was working on Caves Valley Country Club in Baltimore, about an hour away.

William Kubley, whose Landscapes Unlimited, Inc. was building Caves Valley, sent a crew

to help Fazio construct the green at the Quayle residence at the Naval Observatory in Washington, D.C.

An admiral who had lived at the observatory had a green built there once, so a site existed for the green.

They renovated the area, installing drainage, quality soil and bentgrass sod, Fazio said.

"I wouldn't call it a practice green. It's more of a putting clock with no shapes, bumps and elevations," he said. "It was a minor deal — just a 2-1/2-day job."

Floating green may run out of H₂O to float

BY BOB SPIWAK

The world's first floating-island green at Idaho's Coeur d'Alene Resort has run into a problem.

Because the lake drops about six feet from September to June, the green, which draws 5-1/2 feet, cannot be moored the 75 to 175 yards it was designed to sit from shore.

To correct this, developer Duane Hagadone is seeking permission to dig a subsurface trench. The dredged area would be 430 feet long, 180 feet wide and up to 5-1/2 feet deep. The removed material

could fill 9,000 pick-up trucks, according to a Spokane (Wash.) newspaper.

Will Pitman, Lake Protection Act manager of the Idaho Department of Lands, said there will be a 30-day period to gather input from the public and government agencies, including the state departments of ecology, fish and game and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The tee to the floating 14th green faces south and is built on the site of an old lumber mill. Pitman said an east-to-west rise along the lake bottom may be mill waste residues.

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The rise must be removed to allow the green to move to and from shore.

Contrary to common belief, Pitman said, the power company controlling a dam at Post Falls has little effect on the natural rise and fall of the lake. The dam controls the lake like a reservoir. But the amount of mountain snow pack and subsequent runoff primarily determine water levels.

Testimony is being taken through Dec. 13, Pitman said. No decision is expected before mid-December.

Management institute set

The eighth National Institute of Golf Management, sporting a faculty from the U.S. Golf Association, PGA of America, Golf Course Superintendents Association of America and the National Golf Foundation, will be conducted Jan. 13-18 at Oglebay Park Resort and Conference Center in Wheeling, W.Va.

Jointly sponsored by the NGF and Oglebay Department of Continuing Education, the five-day program covers all aspects of golf management. The philosophy of public golf, personnel and customer relations, clubhouse and golf shop merchandising, golf course maintenance, risk management, marketing, driving range operations, publicity and media relations, master planning, and golf car leasing are all covered.

To complete the program, students must attend the institute for two years. Graduates obtain five continuing education units from North Carolina State University. For each year completed, PGA of America members earn three recertification credits; Golf Course Superintendents Association of America members receive 2-1/2 continuing education units. Completion of the program also entitles students to attend specialized graduate seminars held each year.

Openings for first-year students are limited to 100.

For further information, contact the National Institute of Golf Management, Wheeling Park Commission, Oglebay, Wheeling, W.Va. 26003, or the Department of Continuing Education at Oglebay at 800-624-6988, Ext. 278.

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