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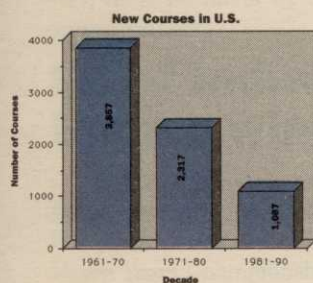
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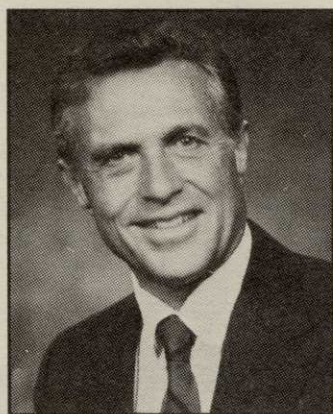
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BY PETER BLAIS
"We've always felt that how well we've done our job depends on how the architects see what we've accomplished. We want to see them get what they want out of their design."

That's how company founder and chairman of the board Brent Wadsworth explains the success of Wadsworth Golf Construction Co., voted 1989 Builder of the Year in *Golf Course News*' survey of architects.



Brent Wadsworth
Voted Best Builder of 1989

Wadsworth received nearly one-fourth of the votes cast, more
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Fazio named top architect of the year

BY PETER BLAIS
This has been a good year for Tom Fazio. But so was last year, and the year before that and the year before that and... "They all kind of blend together for me," answered the man voted the 1989 Architect of the Year in *Golf Course News* 'first survey of course designers, when asked if this year was special.

"I'm just amazed at the quality of products we (architects)



Tom Fazio
Voted Best Architect of 1989

are able to build today. High quality is what developers and owners
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Subsurface injection project wins raves

BY MARK LESLIE
The success of work on equipment that injects pesticides below the surface of the turf where grubs live should prod researchers to develop a wide range of new products to fight pests.

Ohio State University Professors Harry Niemczyk, an entomologist, and Erdal Ozkan, an agricultural engineer, have completed a season of research on their project and are excited by its prospects.

Niemczyk cited data showing that the "liquid injection subsurface placing system" they are developing can put the product
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A panoramic view of Pinon Hills Golf Course in Farmington, N.M., shows the 11th green in the foreground and the elevation changes on No. 15 tees in the background. For more information on this course, designed by Finger Dye Spann of Houston, Texas, and others, see pages 10 and 11.

Florida project targets families

BY MARK LESLIE
The family orientation of a proposed golf facility turned it from a loser to a winner in the zoning process and will turn it into a reality this spring in Orlando, Fla.

Golf Unlimited will start construction in January on the Lake Under Hill Golf Center, which will include a fully lighted, nine-hole par 3 course, complete driving range, putting course and miniature golf layout.

But the 26-acre facility was a wipeout in June when heavy opposition from neighbors contributed to an Orange County Commission denial of zoning approval on the grounds the project was too commercial for the mainly residential area.

"We got an extension of the request," said

Golf Unlimited's Jack Irwin, "and met with homeowners and told them the facility would enhance, not hurt, their neighborhood. We went back to the commission with neighborhood support and got unanimous (5-0) approval."

The turning point, Irwin believes, came when neighbors realized the project will stress the family.

"We planned it with the family in mind," he said. "Dad can bring the kids out and teach them or let them play miniature golf while he and his wife are playing."

It is a concept Irwin expects to continue working with. He already plans a second family golf center in Orlando and may look for other opportunities working out of his

Orlando and Knoxville, Tenn., offices.

The idea of lighting a course has been successful at two facilities in Myrtle Beach, N.C., and another in Daytona, Fla.

But the Orlando project is believed the first with its particular amenities.

"We'll give the average player — who can't afford to belong to a country club and works all day — and the beginner a chance to play in the winter and summer. It will be great for seniors," Irwin said.

The longest of the nine holes will be 160 yards, and Irwin said: "The lights will be very high-quality; you'll be able to follow the flight of the ball all the way. It will be a first-class course with wall-to-wall irrigation..."

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LETTERS

Ross Society generating interest

To the Editor:

Thank you very much for the wonderful coverage you afforded my society. I received a number of inquiries already, proving your paper is carefully read, and that the Donald Ross Society is of interest to your subscribers.

I also read with interest the piece on my friend, Ed Connor, and his work in computerized restoration models. It might interest you to

know that we coined the phrase "Dead Architects" one night at a dinner party with Ben Wright of CBS Sports after many toasts to the memories and works of Ross, McKenzie, Tillinghast, MacDonald and others. I may have to bring a motion before our board in the future to rename our fledgling group to reflect that consideration... who knows?

Thanks again for the tremen-

dous article.

Sincerely,
Barry J. Palm
Executive Vice President
Donald Ross Society
Seven Fairlee Road
West Hartford, Conn.

Architect overlooked

To the Editor:

I am enclosing a copy of your computer-addressed mailing to our office. As you can see, within your own listing, our office is a golf architectural firm. Your Volume 1, Number 9 issue for November 1989 listed architects responding to a survey and then listed other golf architects. We have practiced golf

architecture for 11 years and are currently engaged in 27 golf course designs. We are listed with NGF and I cannot see how you missed at least a mention of our firm.

This is not that important to our office, but if you are listing architects, I guess you should know that somehow you missed one doing courses in five countries and one of the largest in staff. Last, but not least, we are on the leading edge of computer technology in golf architecture and if you ever need an article along this line, let me know.

Sincerely,
Cal Olson, P.E., L.A.
Golf Course Architect
Costa Mesa, Calif.

Readers praise GCN

To the Editor:

Thank you for the very fine article concerning golf course architecture and the selection of name professionals. We found the article to be fairly written and well researched.

Keep up the good work on behalf of the golf industry.

Sincerely,
Jim Applegate, president
Gary Player Design Co.
Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

To the Editor:

We have really enjoyed your new Golf Course News magazine. Your articles have not only been very interesting, but very informative. Keep up the good work!

Gordon C. Lewis
Golf Course Architect
Fort Myers, Fla.

To the Editor:

I would like to thank you and the staff at Golf Course News for the outstanding publication of a terrific new trade newspaper. It is a quick-reading, in-depth education I look forward to each month.

Sincerely,
Cal Roth, Director
Course Maint. Operations
TPC/PGA Tour

To the Editor:

I just returned from western Canada and want to say I enjoy reading Golf Course News. It is sure great to have a publication that gives the golf course contractors the news of the industry.

Thank you,
Wilford S. Hall
Hall & Lindsay, Dev. Ltd.
Victoria, B.C.

Correction

In the November commentary by former American Society of Golf Course Architects President Michael Hurdzan about professional golfers designing courses, a quote was attributed to Robert Trent Jones Sr. instead of its originator — Robert Tyre Jones Jr., the great professional better known as "Bobby" Jones.

The quote: "I think (Alister) Mackenzie and I manage to work as a completely sympathetic team. Of course, there was never any question that he was the architect and I his advisor and consultant. No man learns to design a golf course simply by playing golf, no matter how well."

Florida

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"... And we have an excellent architect in Loyd Clifton and Associates of Deland, Fla.

The driving range will have target greens, while the tees will have both natural grass and mats and will be heated and cooled according to the season.

A 50,000-square-foot putting green will serve as an 18-hole putting course with holes from 20 to 100 feet apart.

Irwin also plans to provide lessons at the facility as part of his philosophy to "market it for the whole family."

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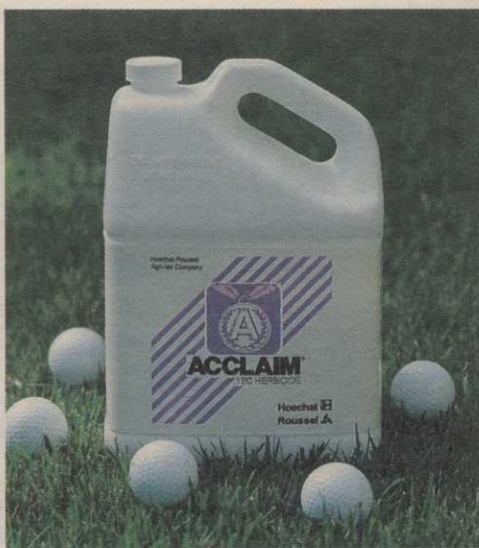
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