

NEW COURSES

Mike Young designing three courses

Two golf course projects are underway and a third is scheduled to begin this spring for Mike Young Designs/Turf Mark Golf Services, Inc. of Watkinsville, Ga.

In Covington, about 15 miles southeast of Atlanta, The Oaks Golf Club is scheduled to open for play in July. Owned and operated by Southern Golf, Inc., the 6,700-yard, par 71 course features bentgrass greens. The course was designed to accommodate the average golfer while still challenging the more advanced player and maintaining the strategy of the game.

Scott McDaniel has been hired as the golf course superintendent.

In LaGrange, near the western border of Georgia, The Fields Golf Club plans to open its front nine in May and back nine in August.

Owned by Rosemont Hills Development Corp., the course is being built in conjunction with a residential housing development. Measuring 6,700 yards from the championship tees, the course has a Scottish-type look, bentgrass greens and will play to a par 72.

The third project, now in the planning stages, is a nine-hole addition to Hunter-Pope Country Club in Monticello, Ga., about 30 miles north of Macon.

If it proceeds as scheduled, the new nine at the private club could open as early as September.

Mike Young Designs/Turf Mark Golf Services, Inc. said its goal is "to provide courses combining attractiveness with efficient and economical maintenance, without sacrificing the strategy of the game or the beauty of the natural terrain."

Courses newly approved in the U.S.

This month *Golf Course News* begins a new chart. We will continue to publish the following list of courses that are approved around the country. In addition, the chart on page 13 contains the sites and contacts for new courses and renovations in the preliminary planning stages. When those courses are

ready to begin construction they will be listed again in the "Courses newly approved in the U.S." chart.

We would appreciate your help in updating this new section. To contact us call 207-846-0600 or write *Golf Course News*, P.O. Box 997, 38 Lafayette St., Yarmouth, Maine 04096.

Location	Course Name	Type	Holes	Address	Architect/Contact
California					
Palm Desert	N/A	D	18	Cook St. & Portola Ave.	David Phaff
San Jose	Silver Creek	P	18	Hwy. 101	Ted Robinson
Colorado					
Lakewood	N/A	M	9	2200 S. Kipling St.	Richard Phelps
Hawaii					
Maui	Kapalua Resort Village GC	N/A	18	Kapalua Resort Village	Ben Crenshaw
Idaho					
Coeur d'Alene	Coeur d'Alene	D	18	Coeur d'Alene Resort	Scott Miller
Illinois					
Moline	N/A	M	18	Scott County Park	Dan Nagle
Morris	Nettle Creek GC	D	18	Stockdale & Saratoga Rds.	L&J Construction Co., Lemont
Indiana					
Harrodsburg	Hoosier National	D	27	Springville Rd.	George Young
Kansas					
Overland Park	Westlinks of OPGC	M	9	12600 Quivira Rd.	Larry W. Flatt
Louisiana					
Monroe	Katewood GC	P	18	North Monroe	Herb Wilson
Massachusetts					
Plainville	Heather Hill CC	D	18	N/A	Bob LaRoche
Minnesota					
Annandale	Albion Ridges GC	D	18	Rt. 2, Box 211	Todd J. Severud
St. Charles	N/A	N/A	18	N/A	Wayne Idso
Missouri					
Lake Saint Louis	N/A	M	18	Freymuth & Orf Rd.	Larry W. Flatt
New York					
Wallkill	Windy Wes Municipal GC	M	18	Circleville	Hudson Engineering
North Carolina					
Davidson	River Run CC	P	18	N/A	Robert C. Walker
Ohio					
Canton	Emerald Lakes	D	18	Summit County	Brian Huntley
Cincinnati	Wetherington Golf & CC	P	18	Tylersville Rd.	Arthur Hills
Green	N/A	D	18	Wise & Mayfair Rds.	John Rainieri Jr.
Jackson Township	Glenmoor CC	P	18	N/A	Jack Nicklaus
Pennsylvania					
Denver	Fox Chase GC	D	18	59 W. Church St.	Steve Graybill
Lebanon	N/A	D	18	N/A	Ron Forse
Scottsdale	Wyndon Links GC	D	18	N/A	Ron Forse
State College	N/A	D	18	Pennsylvania State Univ.	Arnold Palmer
Virginia					
Fredericksburg	Lee's Hill GC	P	18	10707 Courthouse Rd., Suite C	Ault-Clark
Williamsburg	Governor's Land Club	P	18	220 N. Boundary St.	Tom Fazio
Washington					
Lynnwood	Lynnwood Municipal GC	M	18	City Hall	John Steidel
Wisconsin					
Pewaukee	N/A	N/A	9	N/A	Lohmann Golf Design

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Pulpit

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"we're showing people how good we are."

Yet, even with a bountiful budget and special site, Hurdzan faced stiff challenges.

"This was an extremely environmentally sensitive site... and it was a difficult site to work," Hurdzan said.

The developers dealt with eight levels of bureaucracy to get necessary permits.

"We answered all the environmental concerns and did them through good planning and good engineering. No matter how emotional the objection was, we simply defused it with good planning and engineering," he said.

All the lakes were lined. All the drainage went into the lakes. And membrane liners were installed under every green to environmentally isolate them from their surroundings.

Hurdzan said the habitat of a trout stream bordering a green was improved by installing a cedar wall to separate it from the green, then building a bunker inside of the wall around the green. A half-acre membrane liner was installed around the green

so that water has to re-evaporate into the atmosphere.

Then the edge of the stream was riprapped to cut down erosion and landscaped with plants to keep the water cool.

The course's 300-foot contour interval meant it required a great deal of earthmoving. "And really," Hurdzan said, "that is what golf course architecture is: the art and science of modifying a piece of ground to permit the pleasurable playing of golf and facilitate good maintenance.

"Here was a very difficult piece of ground on which we were able to do that manipulation. We've done it in such a way that anybody who sees the course is going to think it looks natural. It does not look contrived."

Hurdzan said a great golf course "needs to be memorable. You play a round of golf and you remember anywhere from one to 18 holes. Anyone who's ever played Cypress Point is never going to forget 15, 16 and 17."

His rating of 14 unforgettable holes at Devil's Pulpit makes it memorable.

Haney and Hurdzan both feel the Pulpit is a perfect site for the Canadian Open.

Hurdzan noted it is close to a large metropolitan area and has "tremendous spectator qualities" with room to handle large crowds on every hole; a lot of room for corporate tents; "a phenomenal practice area"; a club that is "elegant in every appointment"; and is "a very stern test of golf from the back tees."

Hurdzan said each hole has at least five sets of tees, and one has 11.

"The reason is, we wanted to set the golf course up so that no matter what playing ability someone has, if they choose the proper set of tees, they can go out there and play it and enjoy themselves.

"The golf course is beyond no one's ability."

It is, however, beyond many golfers' ability to pay. Greens fees for guests will be \$100.

Profits? There are none. "It's a non-profit corporation," Haney said.

After all, Haney is not involved for money. At latest count, 85 million Trivial Pursuit games had been sold. Haney needn't look beyond the view for his satisfaction.

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