

# NEW COURSES

## Nelson & Wright busy in Pacific Basin region

Working out of Hawaii headquarters, Nelson & Wright is busy in eight countries designing golf courses, including West Loch Golf Course (see page 1) in Honolulu which opens in March.

In Hawaii alone, Robin Nelson and Rodney Wright will soon have 11 courses under their banner, and their work in Europe continues with five courses under construction in France and negotiations in progress in Belgium and Portugal.

West Loch is a municipal course designed to withstand the flooding in central Oahu, and has already received an award for excellence in planning from the Hawaii Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Nelson & Wright also plan to open a **Robinson course done**

Hall & Lindsay Development, Ltd. has completed the 18-hole Olympic View Golf Club on Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

The course was designed by William G. Robinson.

Hall & Lindsay also has nine holes under construction at Arbutus Ridge in Mill Bay, B.C.

second 18 holes at Mauna Lani Bay Resort this year.

Their European work is centered out of Paris, where a collaboration with the French landscape architectural firm Interscene International has produced many new projects, most notably the Champs de Bataille Golf Course.

The N&W team has courses under construction in Bali, Indonesia; Newcastle, Australia; Maui; Paris; and Guam. It is designing courses in Taiwan, Thailand, Japan, Okinawa, Sardinia and the Hawaiian islands.



The 18th hole at Hope Plantation Golf & Country Club on John's Island in South Carolina — a creation of architect Clyde Johnston. The marshfront green is beside Haulover Creek.

## Crenshaw, Coore add 2nd 18 at Barton Creek

Touring pro Ben Crenshaw and Bill Coore are combining talents to design a second 18 holes at Barton Creek Conference Resort and Country Club in Austin, Texas.

The course will "blend the natural beauty of the Texas hill country with sophisticated golf course design," Crenshaw said.

He and Coore plan to introduce native grasses and foliage to enhance

the course's visual appeal. Bermuda 419 fairways and E-Dwarf Tiff Bermuda greens will provide durable grass.

The layout will offer golfers a wider playing variety, being more traditional than the existing Tom Fazio-designed course that has been named site of this year's Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf tournament.

The new course will play to par 71

over 6,900 yards.

Crenshaw predicts a memorable finish over par 5 15th and 16th holes, followed by a short but difficult par 3 on the 17th and an 18th green that sits on the plateau of a hill.

"It was becoming increasingly difficult to accommodate everyone who wanted to play golf on our existing course," said Barton Creek general manager Gregg Pate.

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