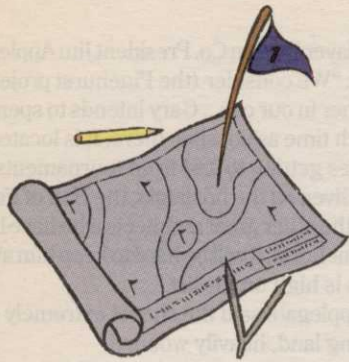


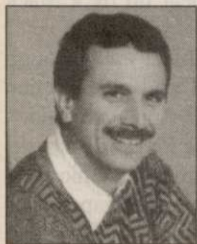
## Briefs



## GLORSO LEAVES DYE, FORMS FIRM

DENVER, Colo. — Dean Glorso International Golf Course Design has been formed, with headquarters here.

Glorso, formerly senior director of design at Dye Designs International, has worked with Pete and Perry Dye to design and build golf courses around the world.



Dean Glorso

While at Dye Designs, Glorso directed and coordinated golf course designs in the United States as well as Spain, Japan, Thailand, Taiwan, Korea, France, Brazil and Australia.

An Illinois native, Glorso built his first bunker in 1968 in DaNang, Vietnam, while serving with the first Marine Airwing. He studied land surveying and civil engineering at Metro State College here and is a registered professional land surveyor in four states.

## GRI BREAKS GROUND IN JAPAN

DALLAS — Golf Resources, Inc., a golf course consulting company headed by PGA tour pro D.A. Weibring, recently broke ground on the le Petaw Golf Club in Hokkaido, Japan.

This 27-hole country club resort complex is just outside Sapporo. Course completion is scheduled late in this year.

Meanwhile, GRI recently was named the management firm for Crestwick Country Club in Bloomington, Ill. Bloomington is the home of Illinois State University, which Weibring attended in the early 1970s.

GRI provides agronomic consulting services to more than 30 golf courses throughout the world.

## MARRIOTT'S LEE COURSE GROWS IN

MARCO ISLAND, Fla. — Carved out of 180 acres of southwestern Florida cypress, palm and pine trees, the new golf course at Marriott's Marco Island Resort and Golf Club is scheduled for completion next fall.

The 6,925-yard par-72 course was designed by Joe Lee. The club will include the 18-hole championship course, 14-acre practice facility and a John Jacobs practical golf school.

The practice area will have chipping and putting greens, sand traps and a fairway bunker.

## SOUTH SEAS REBUILDS COURSE

CAPTIVA ISLAND, Fla. — South Seas Plantation Resort & Yacht Harbor has rebuilt its golf course at a cost of \$1.5 million.

The course was designed by Bates/Heard Golf Design. Partner Jerry Heard, a former PGA tour professional, is the golf director for South Seas.

The rebuilt course was constructed on the property's pre-existing course area. Among improvements to the nine-hole, par-36 layout were reshaped greens, new men's and women's tees, replanted fairways and roughs, and an upgraded drainage system.

## PGA Tour enters public marketplace

By Bob Seligman

Following this winter's opening of the Golf Club of Miami, PGA Tour officials said they intend to operate more public golf courses.

The Florida facility, which opened its third 18-hole course in January, joins The Golf Club of Jacksonville (Fla.), as public courses operated by the PGA Tour. The Tour runs several Tournament Players Club private, semi-private and resort courses.

Gary Dee, director of operations for PGA Tour Public Golf, Inc., said the announcement of a third public facility may come by

late May or early June.

Dee said the PGA Tour would like to open one or two public facilities a year for the next 10 years, and, ultimately, to have 15 to 20.

"It's a significant commitment of resources and staff of the PGA Tour. But compared to major operators of public facilities, it's not a lot," said Dee. "We'll pick our spots here and there. The TPCs will still be the primary thrust."

Dee said the new spots will likely be in warm climates, primarily in communities with at least 300,000 people living within a 30- to 40-minute drive. An ideal facility would have

27 to 36 holes. Public courses could eventually become part of a resort, but he is uncertain when, or if, that will happen.

Dee said greens fees will be \$20 and up. Current greens fees at The Golf Club of Miami range from \$6 in the off-season at its executive course to \$31 in-season at its West course. The Golf Club of Jacksonville charges \$15 on weekdays and \$19 on weekends.

The PGA Tour is aiming for 40,000 to 50,000 rounds per year at each facility.

Dee said the rise in golfers, particularly public-course players, is a driving force in the

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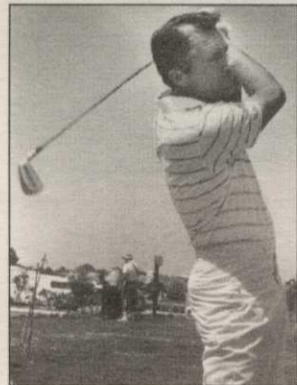
## Player excited about designing Pinehurst #9

By Mark Leslie

PINEHURST, N.C. — Contemplating the nostalgia, the Golf Hall of Fame and the great architects who have designed courses at Pinehurst Resort and Country Club, Gary Player said it is a "great thrill" to be chosen to design Pinehurst #9.

"I've always had respect for the Pinehurst area, and to be able to put your ideas into your own course there is wonderful," said Player, who agreed in March to design the course.

Among the first five men inducted into the Golf Hall of Fame, the South African Player will join co-Hall inductees Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus as having designed courses at Pinehurst. Sam Snead and Ben Hogan, the other two among the first group of inductees, have not designed layouts here.



Gary Player

Player said playability, good drainage and beauty are critical aspects of the design philosophy he will instill into Pinehurst #9, also called "The Holly Course" at Pinewild.

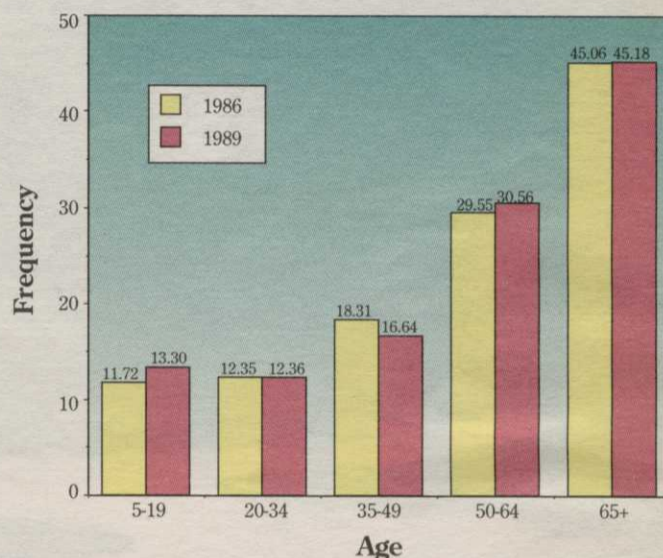
"I don't believe in the type of golf courses many are building today," he said, adding that golfers want to get away from the stress of life. "After playing some of the courses out there today, they have to go back to the office for a vacation."

Player said: "I'm 'anti' huge undulating greens. Members can hardly play them if the pros can't. I'm 'anti' hazards in front of greens. Ladies and the elderly are the backbone of the game, and you can't design hazards that penalize a straight shot. I believe in putting trouble on the side of greens.

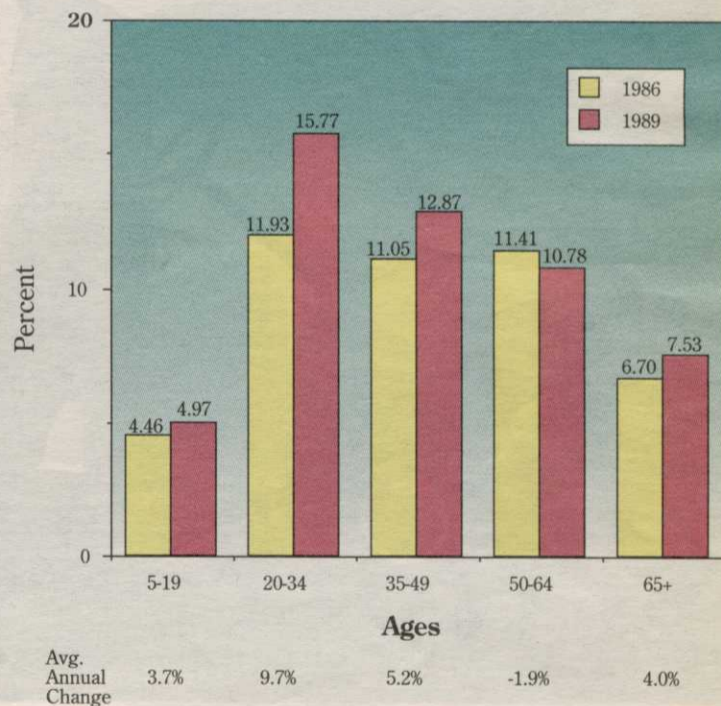
"I design flat greens with a neck where judgment on the second shot is vital," he added. "I'm a believer—and Scotland's courses are great examples—in being able to carry the ball to the flag or run it up. I'm also a great believer in variety of greens."

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## Recent changes in frequency of play



## Participation Rate Changes — 1986-1989



Source: NGF

## McAnlis wins raves of distinction at Venice G&amp;CC

Golf course designer Ted McAnlis of North Palm Beach, Fla., has opened Venice (Fla.) Golf and Country Club this winter and has two other 18-hole courses under construction in the state.

Venice G&CC, the cornerstone of a golfing community that will include 500 homes, has received high marks since opening Jan. 12.

Under construction are Calusa Lakes in Laurel and a yet-named course in Brooksville. Shaping has been done on 16 holes at Calusa Lakes and the course is expected to open in October.

The Brooksville site has a long construction schedule. McAnlis said the first nine

holes will be seeded in October.

Approved and with construction pending is 18-hole Stoneybrook in Bradenton. Meanwhile, planning is under way on Oyster Creek, an 18-hole executive course in Englewood, and University Commons, an 18-hole layout in Bradenton. Approvals are pending for the 27-hole Gardens Country Club in Palm Beach Gardens and the 18-hole Lakes of Indianwood in Indiantown.

At Venice G&CC, McAnlis said, "each hole has its own character," the front nine being routed through pasture and the back nine through pine and oak woods.

"The tee angles are critical to the design,"

McAnlis said, adding that he also likes to pitch his greens from back to front so the player can see the green on the approach shot.

One of McAnlis' favorite holes is the 428-yard dogleg left 10th, which features a series of island tees.

The par 72 course plays from 6,790, 6,380, 5,964 and 5,203 yards.

The site work contractors were Wendall Kent and Co. of Sarasota and Deans Contracting of Venice. The shaping was done by Richard Laconte of Stuart, while the irrigation and finish work were completed by MGI Inc. of Clearwater.

Rob Roy is Venice G&CC's professional.



# PGA Tour dedicates efforts to public course construction

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PGA Tour's involvement with public golf.

Angelo Palermo, vice president of golf course development for the National Golf Foundation, said 60 percent of golfers are public-course players.

"We're trying to promote golf, and the access to golf, through high-quality facilities that would feature a quality conditioned course with a reasonable design that's well maintained every day," Dee said. "The PGA Tour creates an image and an awareness of golf through

the season. Our public facilities promote the game through clinics and various events at the club that are accessible to everyone.

"We think in the '90s, if golf reaches its potential and continues to grow, it makes sense for the PGA Tour to be involved in that growth," Dee added. "It is certainly a revenue source and a potential profit center for the PGA Tour."

Dee said the PGA Tour will design, build and manage facilities on a long-term basis, but won't put up its own money. It built the 18-hole, 6,620-yard par-71 facility in Jack-

*It makes sense for the PGA Tour to be involved in (golf's) growth.'*

— Gary Dee

sonville. But in some cases it might buy and renovate a facility like Miami's, formerly The Country Club of Miami.

The PGA Tour renovated the 6,343-yard par-70 East course and the 7,017-yard par-72 West course last year. A 4,240-yard par-62 ex-

ecutive course opened in January.

"We prefer to start from scratch," Dee said. "You have more control over what's there. The Miami facility had fallen on hard times and needed some sprucing up and modernization. We may find a facility like that too many times in the marketplace.

"We're looking for money from a developer or municipality. We're looking for land and development capital. We provide the golf expertise."

Dee said the PGA Tour will staff the facility, train the staff, and pro-

vide equipment in the pro shop.

The courses will also benefit from the PGA Tour's contracts with merchandise, food, beverage, and golf course equipment manufacturers, he said.

"We bring a significant amount of buying leverage to the table as a multi-course operator," Dee said. "When we start a club from scratch, it's not like we haven't done it before."

The PGA Tour's involvement in public golf will be separate from the development of its TPC courses, Dee said. The public facilities will also be different from the TPCs, both on and off the course.

The courses won't have the stadium golf features of TPC courses, and will be less severe and dramatic.

They will have limited bunkers and other features to be as easily maintained as possible. That will enable greens-fee structures to remain low, Dee said.

"We are looking for a traditional design," Dee said. "We are looking to move as little dirt as possible to keep costs down."

Cost considerations are also entering the design of the clubhouses, especially compared to TPC buildings.

Dee said the public-course clubhouses will be 4,000 to 5,000 square feet, as opposed to the 25,000-square-foot TPC giants.

No locker rooms or evening dining room service will be included. Sandwiches and hot dogs will be available instead, and there will be a full bar. Dee said costs of building the public facilities will be \$6 million apiece, while TPC courses cost \$14 million to \$15 million. Both figures are exclusive of land costs.

Dee said the PGA Tour's public and TPC courses could enter the same market. Yet they won't compete because they're different types of facilities.

"In a major market, a TPC course and a PGA Tour public facility could co-exist quite nicely," Dee said.

## Malphrus works long hours to meet deadline

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — Facing a summer deadline, Malphrus Construction Co. has been working 10 hours a day, six days a week building roads and utilities for Colleton River Plantation.

The Hilton Head Island-based Malphrus firm is completing the 2 1/2-mile-long main entrance road leading from Highway 278 through the South Carolina Nature Preserve to the clubhouse site.

In this case of high speed, the aim is high return, more quickly. When the roads and utilities are completed, buyers will be able to start building their homes in Phase I of the build-in plan. More than 40 Phase I home sites, ranging in price from \$107,000 to \$300,000, were sold, pushing Colleton River over its goal to more than \$6.5 million in sales revenues.

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