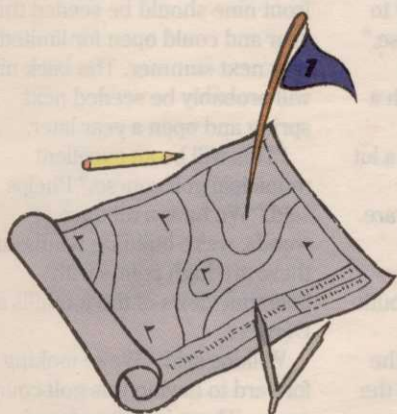


BRIEFS



GLASSER OPENS ACE CONSULTANTS

Joe Glasser, former director of golf at The Cloister's Sea Island Golf Club on St. Simons Island, Ga., has established a golf consulting business, Ace Consultants, specializing in new facility development services and existing facility performance improvement services.

Glasser began his career in golf operations management at Marriott's Camelback Inn Resort and Golf Club in Scottsdale, Ariz., in 1975. He accepted the director of golf position at Marriott's Grand Hotel in Point Clear, Ala., in 1981 and left for the Sea Island Golf Club position in 1989.

ASGCA MAKES ZIKORUS A FELLOW

Al Zikorus of Canaan, Maine, was elected a fellow of the American Society of Golf Course Architects at the society's annual meeting in Southampton on Long Island, N.Y.

Fellow members are regular members who have been in good standing for 10 years or more, have reached the age of 70 and have been approved by the ASGCA board of governors.

A golf course architect for more than 35 years, Zikorus has designed Tunxis Plantation Country Club in Farmington, Conn.; Twin Hills Country Club in Longmeadow, Mass.; Heritage Village Golf Course in Southbury, Conn.; Timberlin Golf Course in Berlin, Conn.; and Tashua Golf Club in Trumbull, Conn., among others.

RAVINES FIX-UP UNDER WAY

MIDDLEBURG, Fla. — The Ravines Golf and Country Club has begun an extensive course renovation program which includes redesigning and rebuilding all 18 greens.

Mark McCumber and Associates, one of the original designers of the course, is directing the program which began June 1. When completed on Nov. 1, the course will reopen.

The Ravines, ranked as one of the top 20 golf courses in Florida for the last 12 years, is owned by Kondo Sangyo Corp. of Osaka, Japan.

JOINT VENTURE PLANS FACILITY

READINGTON TOWNSHIP, N.J. — A joint venture has been formed and the contacts finalized to develop a residential golf community here.

Stanton Property has begun construction on the golf course and infrastructure for a 550-acre development. The project includes an 18-hole private, championship golf course designed by Stephen Kay. The golf course is expected to be ready for play in early summer 1993.

GOLF COURSE NEWS

A horse and bogey show...



An eager horseman pulls his trailer up Westwoods Golf Club's 18th fairway.

By MARK LESLIE

Colorado is a horseman's paradise. It is also a golfer's delight. So the city of Arvada, a Denver suburb, and Zenith Development Corp. of Woodland Park have made room for both passions in two otherwise very different projects.

In Arvada, 140 acres of city land will be home to municipal Westwoods Golf Course and will feature 2-1/2 miles of equestrian and biking and hiking trails.

In Woodland Park, west of Colorado Springs, Zenith President Dale Ranney plans a golf community with a horse and mountain biking trail encircling the course.

"The first thing you notice in this region is the demand for horse property," Ranney said.

HORSES, GOLF A PERFECT MARRIAGE

Colorado is "avid horse country with spectacular golfing sites," said Jim

Wilkins, superintendent of Arvada's other municipal, Lake Arbor Golf Course. City fathers hope Westwoods makes a perfect match.

Whereas horsemen in Lakewood, just seven miles away, vehemently opposed construction of Fox Hollow Golf Course, Arvada's equestrians have supported the municipal project and have been attentive onlookers during construction of Westwoods, according to Wilkins.

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Norman brings Mackenzie look to American 18

From staff reports

LONG GROVE, Ill. — Greg Norman and the folks at Kemper Sports Management feel golf course architect Alister Mackenzie would be happy with their new creation 35 miles northwest of Chicago — Royal Melbourne.

"We tried to be true to the traditions of the game," said Kemper Vice President Doug Schmidt. "The Royal Melbourne course in Australia is one of Greg's favorite in the world, and we feel we have kept to Mackenzie's rules of design in our Royal Melbourne."

The American version, a private course that opens to members Aug. 15 and whose grand opening will be Sept. 12, indeed fits the Mackenzie mode in all the key areas.

Mackenzie said a golf course should:

- Consist of two loops, creating different wind conditions. ("Done," says Schmidt.)
- Mix long par-4s with shorter, tough par-4s, calling for an infinite variety of shots. ("Done.")
- Have greens and fairways that are very undulating but not severe. ("Ibid.")
- Sport minimal blind shots. ("None.")
- Stress natural beauty, not contrived by man. ("Put an asterisk on that.")
- Cause absolutely no annoyance by causing the golfer to look for lost balls. ("Only if you want to skin dive in one of the nine lakes.")
- Maintain excellent course conditions. ("We've hired Tim Sedgley from Oakhurst Country Club in Antioch, Calif.")
- Flash the sand as opposed to building overpowering bunkering. ("Done.")
- Camouflage (Mackenzie's strength). ("On the 18th the bunker



Greg Norman blasts a shot during his inaugural round at the first course he has designed in the continental United States — Royal Melbourne. The 17th hole shows the challenge and beauty of the private country club which boasts Michael Jordan and Chip Beck as members.

is out 40 yards from the green, just like Mackenzie would do it.")

Schmidt said the course combines three natural elements. Six holes are set in a heavily wooded area with mature oak trees. Six are set in a designated preservation prairie-wetland area. And six holes play around nine manmade lakes.

This balance in design came from the team of Norman, who was involved from the pre-planning stages; architect Ted Robinson, who did the routing plan; and Kemper Director of Golf Bob Spence, who supervised construction.

The course plays four sets of tees from 5,500 to 6,800 yards. The 325-member club includes such notables as NBA star Michael Jordan, PGA Tour pro Chip Beck; Chicago Bears standouts Jim Harbaugh and Ron Rivera; and Western Golf Association President Bob Alsteen, who lives off the 17th hole.

They already have a challenge — matching Normans inaugural round feat. Norman reached the 565-yard, par-5 17th, a double dogleg, with a 325-yard drive and a 2-iron which cleared the towering oaks from 235 yards out and stopped 15 feet from the pin.

"We will put out a plate on the fairway to commemorate that shot," Schmidt said. "People will try to duplicate that shot for years."