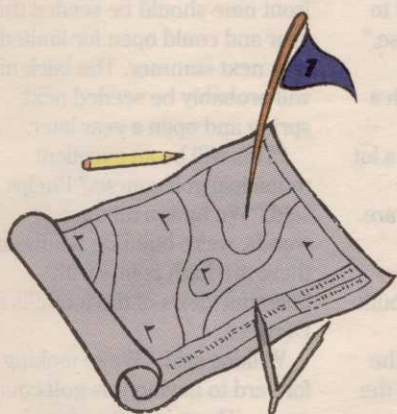


BRIEFS



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."

A carriage for 4 on Mackinac Isle

MACKINAC ISLAND, Mich. — When the new nine holes at Grand Hotel's Jewel course is complete here in mid-1993, golfers will be transported from the front to the back nine in horse-drawn carriages. They will have golfbag racks and refreshments. Motorized vehicles are not allowed on Mackinac Island.

Jerry Matthews, who redesigned the Jewel in 1987, is designing the new layout.

Horses, golf mix in mountains of Colorado

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Golf course architect Richard Phelps designed the Arvada course, working in concert with parks planner Harry Johnson, who laid out the parallel equestrian and bike trails.

Wilkins will add Westwoods to his overview. Park and Recreation Department crews will care for the ash-surfaced equestrian trails and concrete biking and hiking paths.

The trails will travel from

property line to property line, then go through a tunnel under Quaker Street to connect with existing city horse trails. The tunnel will have unique skylights so the horses won't scare, Wilkins said.

Ralston Creek comes through the center of the course, and both the bike and equestrian trails will run along the creek so horsemen are separated by old-growth trees and protected from errant golf shots.

"It's always scary and risky to run trails through a golf course," Phelps said. "We tried to run them along the greenbelt with a lot of foliage for protection."

Phelps said the region has a lot of pedestrian-type trails on courses, but horse trails are rare. And Westwoods has the only trails he knows of that are specifically dedicated to and built for horses.

Earthwork was started on the course in March. Phelps said the

front nine should be seeded this year and could open for limited play next summer. The back nine will probably be seeded next spring and open a year later.

"This will be an excellent municipal golf course," Phelps said. "We have a mixture of woods, we're building ponds, and there are high points with beautiful views of the foothills and Denver."

Wilkins said: "We're looking forward to having this golf course open... There is quite a bit of wildlife: mountain lions, deer, foxes, coyotes, cranes."

AN IDEA FOR THE FUTURE

Will this idea of mixing equestrian trails and golf courses catch on?

Zenith's Ranney said these are "some of the amenities people are looking for."

Ranney's 480-acre Hawk Ridge development will include an 18-hole Scottish links-type course designed by Byron Coker. Crushed, compacted granite-surfaced trails will run parallel to all roads.

"There has been interest in an equestrian center with a stable," he said. But the homes will be on sites as large as five acres, so many homeowners will house horses on their own land.

Since the development is surrounded by Pike National Forest, equestrians can literally ride along the golf course and off into the sunset.

Irwin signs to design N.C. layout

Hale Irwin Golf Services, Inc. has been commissioned to design the golf course planned for The Meadowlands golf community.

The Meadowlands is located in Davidson County between Winston-Salem and High Point, N.C. The Meadowlands is a 600-acre master planned golf community near Bushy Fork Creek. The course plans to be an 18-hole par-72 semi-private country club.

The developer is W&W Properties, Inc. The site has extensive old-growth oak and pine forests interspersed with gently rolling meadows. William G. Daniel & Associates of Cary, N.C., has been retained as engineers for the community. John Runyan, development coordinator with W&W Properties, said, "Golf course construction is scheduled to begin in the fall of 1993, with an opening planned for the summer of 1995."

Architect Richard M. Phelps will provide the architectural planning for earthmoving, drainage, features construction and other technical aspects of the course, and produce the architectural plans used in course development.

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