



The par 4, 419-yard 15th hole at The Habitat near Valkaria Airport displays some of the beauty of Charles Ankrom's design on an environmentally sensitive site.

Ankrom design sensitive to special ecological needs at Habitat in Fla.

Architect Charles Ankrom had a busy 1991, climaxed by a burst of course openings in November, December and January.

Ankrom and his client, the Brevard County Parks and Recreation Department, worked with environmentalists and state agencies to preserve the ecology and wildlife on the aptly named course, The Habitat, in November.

Also in November, he opened Frenchman's Creek Country Club in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., and The Yacht and Country Club in Stuart, Fla. Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) Country

Club's 18-hole South Golf Course opened in December, and 27-hole Cocoa Beach (Fla.) Municipal Golf Course in January.

The Habitat boasts 30 acres of man-made lakes providing beauty, drainage and playing features, and another 31.4 acres of wetlands, including 12.8 acres of man-made marshes and another 6.9 acres of lakeside wetlands.

The Stuart-headquartered Ankrom and builder Guettler & Sons of Ft. Pierce, Fla., devised construction and relocation methods to protect 38 gopher tortoises. They also worked with state and federal agencies to preserve a family of scrub jays, listed as "threatened" by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Nineteen acres of prime scrub jay habitat were preserved within the course boundaries, and a management plan initiated to maintain the birds.

Frenchman's Creek's South Course was remodeled, including redesign of all greens and the 16th fairway.

Many small greens were enlarged, slopes and approaches to the greens were also remodeled, and new mounds, bunkers, exterior contours and grassy hollows added to enhance character and challenge.

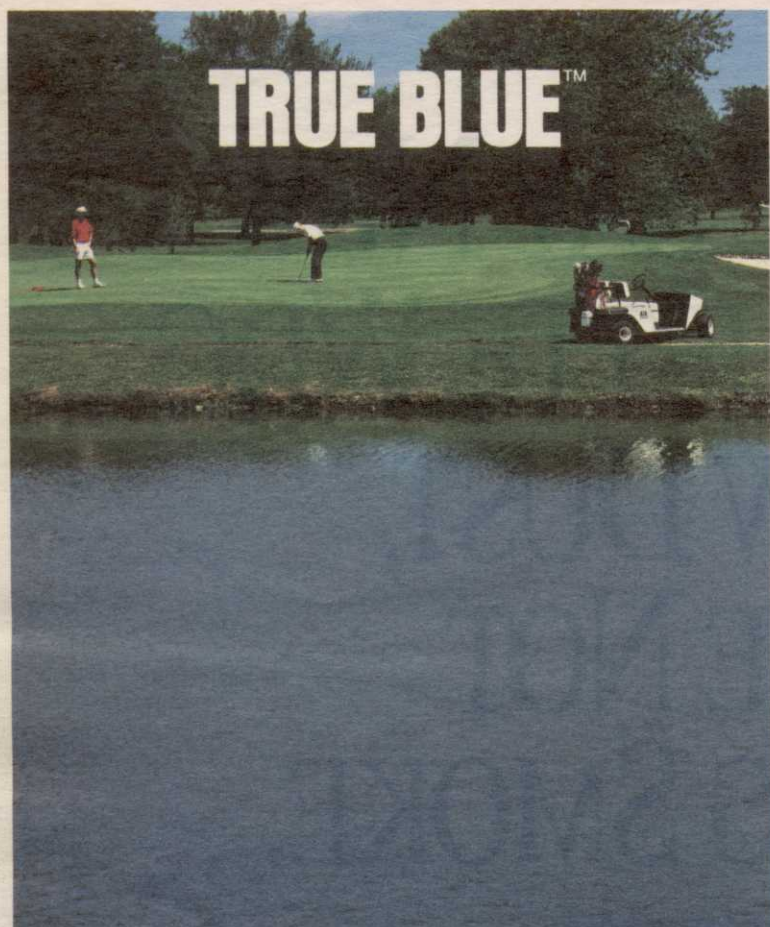
The Yacht and Country Club project involved remodeling all greens, several tees and several fairways. Central Florida Turf was the contractor.

At Fort Lauderdale Country Club, Ankrom abandoned the features of the former layout and built a completely new South Course on the same site. 18 Construction Co. of Jacksonville, Fla., also built four new lakes to generate construction fill while adding playing features and hazards.

The January opening at Cocoa Beach finished two years of plans and construction in which 18 holes were added to the original nine.

Surrounded on three sides by the Banana River and waterways, the course has berms, traps, rolls and contours typical of a Scottish links course. One par 3, three par 4's and a par 5 play along the river.

The builder was DonMac Golf Course Construction Co. of Tifton, Ga.



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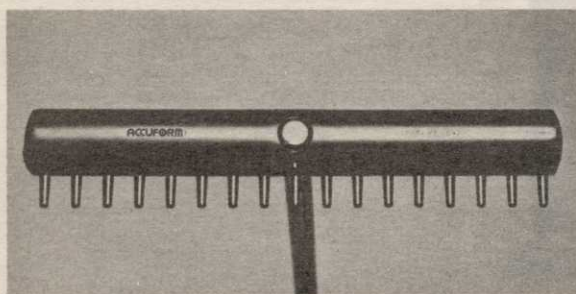


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Course to surround homes in 251-lot Illinois project

WINFIELD, Ill. — Winfield trustees are looking carefully at a developer's proposal to build a 251-house development and 18-hole golf course around an asphalt plant.

Developers want Winfield to annex the Klein Creek subdivision.

The proposed golf course would surround a single-family house and serve as a barrier for the subdivision.

Developers say the course would store storm water in 20 acres of scattered ponds and mitigate the flooding problems plaguing the area.

The 218-acre site would surround the Wheaton Asphalt Co. plant, which is in ongoing negotiations to move the facility across the street.

Other issues facing the town are the need for a new elementary school. Klein Creek Development Corp. wants to open the attached golf course by April 1993.