

New architectural firm strives to integrate course components

EAST LANSING, Mich. — An integrated approach to the design of golf courses, clubhouses, landscape, and signage is the aim of a new company formed by golf course designer W. Bruce Matthews III, landscape architect Victor Nelhiebel and building architect Howard DeWolf.

The founders of the firm, Design 3, said they will work closely with clients to merge needs, goals and ideas into an attractive finished product "by drawing on our background in golf course design, site planning, grading and drainage, agronomy, building construction and grounds maintenance."

The Design 3 staff believes stewardship of the land and protection of wetlands and wildlife are integral parts of any golf development.

"The natural features of a site are not obstacles to

overcome, but opportunities to design and shape a course which responds to and blends easily with its surroundings," they said.

Matthews is a third-generation course architect with lifelong exposure to all aspects of course operation and development.

He recently completed Railside Golf Club in Byron Center, Bird Creek Golf Club Port Austin, The Links of Novi and Sycamore Hills Golf Club in Mt. Clemens, while employed as senior designer at Matthews & Associates.

He is an associate member of the American Society of Golf Course Architects and is a certified golf course superintendent.

Nelhiebel is a registered landscape architect with 20 years of experience in land planning, landscape design

and graphic presentation.

He has participated in a broad range of projects, including golf facilities, parks, recreation areas, tourism facilities, outdoor sign systems and historic renovation. He is a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

DeWolf is a licensed architect, with an in-depth background in design and construction of a variety of building types, including clubhouses, athletic clubs, restaurants, park structures, single and multi-family housing, and service structures.

He is a member of the American Institute of Architects and has been recognized for his work with a number of professional awards.

The company is located at 919 East Grand River, East Lansing, Mich. 48823; 517-336-5959.

Richardson and Snyder to finish Coyote Lakes GC

PHOENIX, Ariz. - Golf Group Ltd., in association with golf course architects Arthur Jack Snyder and Forrest Richardson, has begun initial design on what is to become Coyote Lakes Golf Club.

The 6,000-yard, 18-hole layout was partially complete in 1983 and then abandoned for various financial reasons. Then called Brookview, the site west of Phoenix was never fully planted or opened to the public.

Lakepoint Development Corp., now in the process of planning and acquiring the site, expects a final set of plans may be ready for approvals within the next few months.

"We've inherited a good layout with very few problems," said Richardson. "It's amazing that the course has held up so well considering how long it and the irrigation system have been idle."

Among the changes being proposed to the original design is the extension of several holes and adding one stroke to the previous par of 70. In addition, selected turf areas are being tightened, enabling better water conservation and reinforcing the desert theme of the eventual landscaping.

Cupp-designed Spanish Hills begins grassing

CAMARILLO, Calif. — Grassing has begun at Robert E. Cupp-designed Spanish Hills Golf and Country Club. The course will consist of 18 holes of par-71 golf.

The private, member-owned golf and country club community is being developed by Spanish Hills Development Co.

Spanish Hills consists of 430 acres, 45 minutes from both Los Angeles and Santa Barbara, and 18 miles from Malibu. The 7,000-yard course will offer a variety of challenges for all levels of players.



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