

Sand Creek renovates 18, adding new 9

CHESTERTON, Ind. — Sand Creek Country Club has completed renovation of its original 18 holes and will begin this spring the construction of a new nine.

Architect Charles Howard is overseeing the design at the private country club that was built 17 years ago as Bethlehem Steel's private club.

Sand Creek is set amidst northwest Indiana's dune country, and Howard has installed new wetlands, initiated an erosion-control project and preserved old forest acreage.

Several holes on the original course — which was designed by Ken Killian and Dick Nugent — underwent major renovation in 1992 and more will be completed this year. All bunkers have been entirely reworked, including drainage systems and addition of new, highest-quality sand.

Shortly after Jerry Mobley took over as general manager, he started the renovation process in motion and nearly tripled the size of the grounds maintenance size as a commitment to grooming.

The maintenance crew has subjected fairways, greens and tees to thatch removal, helping improve playing characteristics on the course and reducing the amount of chemical treatment and water necessary.

Practice ranges conference topic

KIAWAH ISLAND, S.C. — Planning and developing a golf practice range is the subject of a conference at the Kiawah Island Inn at West Beach, March 21-24.

Scott Marlowe of the sponsoring Forecast Golf Marketing & Financial Systems, Inc., will be the keynote speaker. Marlowe is a faculty member for the Professional Golfers' Association golf range seminar program.

James Murphy of Forecast will discuss pre-development range marketing, strategic planning and promotional issues; Jay Livingood of Forecast will address golf range development, design and construction issues; and Terry Sopko of Wittek Golf Supply will examine equipping ranges.

Steve di Costanzo will represent the co-sponsoring Golf Range and Recreation Association and be event moderator.

Covered will be market analysis and site selection, planning and development process, and initial operations and management.

Jensen Associates promote Karn

DENVER — David Jensen Associates Inc., a Denver-based land planning firm, is pleased to announce that Craig Karn has been promoted to senior associate. His excellent leadership ability and expertise has been utilized on many successful projects across the country, including the Grand Legacy at Green Valley in Henderson, Nev., and Hamilton Proper in Indianapolis, Ind. In his new position Karn will be responsible for project management, design, and guidance of project managers and design staff.



The 10th hole at Sand Creek has undergone extensive work. The green on the 527-yard par-5 has been rebuilt and its fairway, tee boxes and lake renovated.

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