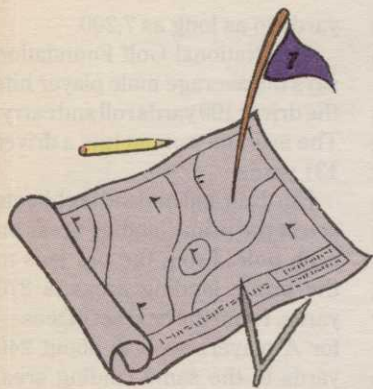


BRIEFS



CANFIELD BROKERING GOLF

Jeff Canfield has opened a brokerage in Glen, N.H. for golf-related properties, primarily in Northern New England. Canfield has been in the development/brokerage business for eight years and can help arrange financing. J.A. Canfield & Co. Brokers can be reached at 603-356-6315 or by writing P.O. Box 203, Glen, N.H. 03838.

IRWIN'S PANTHER CREEK OPENS

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Panther Creek Country Club, a Hale Irwin-designed course, opened May 24. Panther Creek is a 414-acre, 18-hole private golf club and residential community. The course challenges golfers with a series of strategically placed hazards. "Our focus on the greens complex, with subtle contouring of the greens and strategic placement of the hazards, will give golfers a fair challenge when judging their approach," said Irwin, who designed the track with Richard Phelps. The golf course was developed by Panther Creek Development and retained Helmkamp Construction as the general contractor.



Hale Irwin

SAND CREEK ADDING NINE

CHESTERTON, Ind. — Sand Creek Country Club has begun work on nine new golf holes on the southeast quadrant of the more than 500-acre property. Designed by consultant Jerry Mobley and Austin, Texas golf course architect Charles Howard, the new holes incorporate the varied landscape while remaining consistent with Sand Creek's original 18, designed by Ken Killian and Dick Nugent. Howard said, "You have more terrain to work with. This land has 35 feet of elevation difference. It's a very interesting part of the design. It will be the main difference in the perspective of the golf holes."

GLACIERS HELPED NEWCOMB DESIGN

WASHINGTON, Mich. — Receding glaciers actually formed the course 9,000 years ago, but the Glacier Club will open in early August here. William Newcomb designed the 18-hole championship track, with major help from glaciers on nine holes. The centerpiece of a golf community, The Glacier Club course winds around seven lakes and ponds and features five tees per hole, oversized greens, 70 sand bunkers and 17 grass bunkers.



The 11th hole shows a fraction of the beauty of AnnBriar Golf Course.

AnnBriar: A daughter's field of dreams comes true near St. Lou

By MARK LESLIE

WATERLOO, Ill. — Stan the Man Musial playing the harmonica. Fourteen St. Louis Blues hockey players attending. California Angels General Manager Whitey Herzog lending support. Was this the grand opening of a public golf course or the induction ceremony at a sports hall of fame?

"It was something else," understated William Nobbe of his AnnBriar Golf Course, which opened here May 28 with the gusto of a new National Football League stadium.

Ann Nobbe, William and Nancy's daughter, who suggested building the course on the family farm before her tragic death in a car accident in 1990, wouldn't recognize the old alfalfa fields and woods.

Crews from part owner Alois Lühr's Lühr Brothers Inc. construction firm of Columbia moved 800,000 cubic yards of dirt for architect Mike Hurdzan, cutting fairways up to 10 feet into the ground and building mounds up to 25 feet high between holes.

The formerly flat fields comprise the front nine of AnnBriar, while the back nine runs through ravines, with a few holes cut through deep woods.

Hurdzan used five sets of tees on most holes, and as many as seven on others, pushing the track's yardage from 5,100 to 6,900 yards.

Ann Nobbe was "very excited about this," said Nancy. "You feel like she's looking down, smiling, and saying, 'You did a good job.'"

Nancy Nobbe said that "playing, you feel like you have the whole course to yourself. You can't see golfers on the other holes. You hear birds chirping. It's absolutely wonderful."

The course has attracted a lot of people from St. Louis and some of the bigger towns in Illinois. "They're excited about it and think it's the best thing they've seen in a long time. So we can't help but be a little pumped up," William Nobbe said.

Hurdzan sprigged zoysiagrass on the fairways. Most tees are also zoysia, except shady spots, which have ryegrass.

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THE MAKING OF A NAME



John Harbottle III

Harbottle puts his signature on 1st course

By MARK LESLIE

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, Nev. — John F. Harbottle III has had a hand in designing a score of golf courses from America to Brazil and Japan, but the most important of all to him is The Golf Club at Genoa Lakes.

The Genoa Lakes track opened July 4 weekend as the first "John Harbottle" design, though PGA Tour pro Peter Jacobsen collaborated on it.

The semi-private daily-fee course is "very important to me," said the 34-year-old Harbottle. "It's the foundation for my future."

"You do a lot of training with others. But when you get a chance to do a course on your own, it's worth its weight in golf to get one under your belt."

Harbottle, who has tutored under Pete Dye and is former director of golf course architecture for Perry E. Dye Design, said the Lake Genoa site was perfect for him. The developer, Jeff Dingman, acquired 225 acres, featuring more than 30 acres of wetlands and "a tremendous amount of wildlife habitat," Harbottle said.

"A portion is alfalfa fields, which

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Q & A

Cornish golf architecture's chronicler

Geoffrey Cornish, an elder statesman and chronicler of the architecture and architects of golf, has roamed the world of golf for the best part of a century — since he was hired in 1935 to evaluate soils for Capilano Golf Club in Vancouver, then under construction by famed architect Stanley Thompson. Cornish has authored 241 golf courses and co-authored the definitive book on course architecture, the critically acclaimed The Architects of Golf, with Ron Whitten.



Geoffrey Cornish has built nearly a score of golf courses in Maine. His new nine at Bath (Maine) Country Club will feature this dogleg on the par-5 15th hole.

GCN: You've been designing golf courses over half a century.

GC: Yes, I was off in the Army for five years [1940-45] and taught four years at the University of Massachusetts [1948-52]

GCN: And you've been teaching golf course design at Harvard University and other places for several years.

GC: Seven years at Harvard. And Bob Graves and I have been doing it for 10 years at Golf Course Superintendents Association of America meetings.

GCN: So is teaching in your blood?

GC: I enjoy doing it. It's a great way to learn with all the young people and their questions.

GCN: Have any of your students stepped

into the course design business?

GC: Oh, yes. Bill Robinson and I taught at Penn State back in 1970. I think six of that class are in the society [American Society of Golf Course Architects] today. Tom Clark, who was president last year, was in that class. We do find — particularly with the

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D.J. Pakkala takes on duties in Asia with CCA International's golf division

HONG KONG — D.J. Pakkala has joined CCA International Ltd. as golf development manager in the company's Hong Kong corporate headquarters.

The firm, which has no relationship to Club Corporation of America, entered the golf industry two years ago after 15 years in the city club management business.

Pakkala will provide golf management support to the growing number of golf clubs under management contract; expand the turfgrass client consulting base beyond

those currently in Japan while providing technical assistance, and assist in developing new business opportunities.

Pakkala previously worked in management with International Golf Partners (a Pebble Beach, Calif.-based development firm); as director of golf operations with the Pebble Beach Co.; and in turf management with the Vintage Club in Indian Wells, Calif., Medinah Country Club in Chicago, and Philadelphia Country Club.



The 18th hole at the John Harbottle/Peter Jacobsen-designed Genoa Lakes course.

Harbottle has other projects lined up

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gave me the freedom to add some contours. There are sand dunes down through the Carson River valley. We tried to put back what was there naturally."

He said the 5,008- to 7,263-yard layout offers "terrifically balanced holes. You never play in same direction twice in a row. All par-3s are in different directions and measure from 150 to 235 yards. The 8th hole is a classic Redan. That's my favorite.

"The 6th, 7th and 8th — 3-, 4- and 3-pars — are as fine a stretch of golf holes as I've had a chance to work on."

It will host the Nevada State Amateur Championship Aug. 17-19.

Harbottle, voted into the American Society of Golf Course Architects in 1992, said the strongest influence on his design philosophy came from Pete Dye "and a trip I made to Scotland in 1985."

His trademark, he said, will be "naturalness with a links touch. I try to challenge the expert and still allow for the average guy. I design for a variety of ways to play each hole. Holes can have heroic carries but that won't be the only route to the green. And I try to work with the land and make it work for the golf."

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Harbottle already has four other projects lined up, including one that's under construction in Woodland Park, Colo., outside Colorado Springs. Called Mule Creek, it will be part of a residential development and will be open to resort and daily-fee play.

He has been selected to work, along with landscape architect Lynn William Horn on a municipal course for the city of Sumner, Wash.; will add 18 holes to the city of Bremerton, Wash.'s Gold Mountain course; and will design a public track for the city of Nampa, Idaho.

He expects to begin construction this year on all three.



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