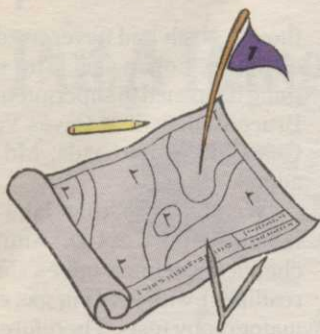


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GILMORE GRAVES IN WIS., ARIZ.

Gilmore Graves Golf, Inc. of Phoenix, Ariz., and Spring Green, Wis., has completed several projects in Wisconsin. The design, irrigation and construction is near completion on the expansion of nine to 18-hole facilities in Evansville and Prairie Du Chien. These expanded projects will open for play this year. Gilmore Graves golf also has designed a new 18-hole complex in St. Germain, of which nine holes will be ready for play this year.

FOSTER MAKES PEBBLE CREEK A FULL 18

MESA, Ariz. — Keith Foster and Associates will design the second nine holes at Pebble Creek, a master planned community west of Phoenix.



Keith Foster

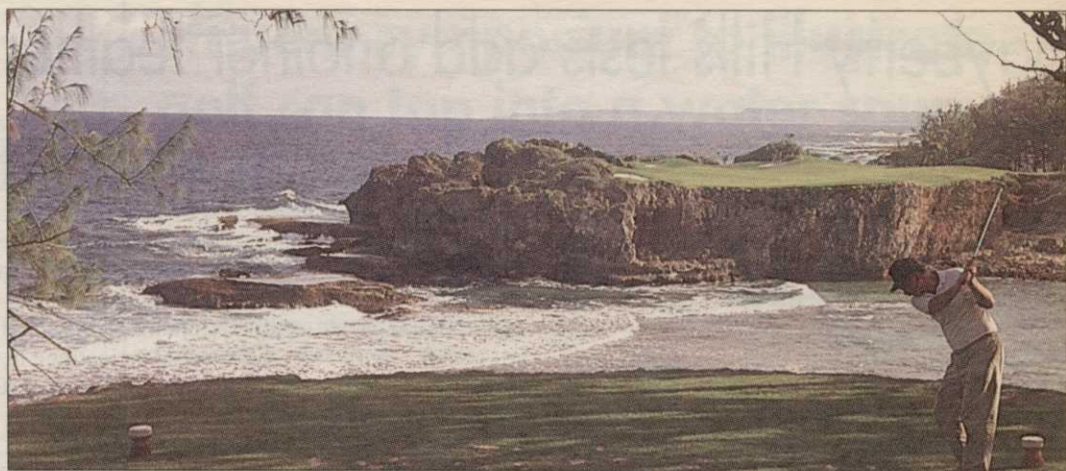
The local golf course architects also designed the first nine for the developer, Robson Communities. Foster also has been retained by Robson to begin work on another 18-hole course in Sun Lakes. Both projects are scheduled to begin construction in January. Foster will update and redesign City Park, the city's other municipal course, and will renovate the private Pueblo CC.

CUPP, FOUGHT COLLABORATE IN OREGON

PORTLAND, Ore. — Golf course architect Bob Cupp and design associate John Fought, who operates the West Coast office here, will collaborate on Timbershores Country Club in Lincoln City and Meadowood at Sunriver in Bend. "It's dramatic terrain," Fought said of the Timbershores property which offers panoramic Pacific Ocean vistas, rolling and sloped terrain, and heavily wooded areas. The former PGA Tour player and 1977 U.S. Amateur champion added: "With the ocean view, the beautiful trees, slopes and natural creeks running through the property, it has everything you could ask for in order to build a really striking golf course."

NICKLAUS FIRM CHANGES NAME

The design organization of Jack Nicklaus has a new look. It is no longer Jack Nicklaus Golf Services but Nicklaus Design. This change recognizes Jack's son, Jack Nicklaus II, taking his place within the organization, having completed several notable golf courses in the United States and Europe. The firm also announced it has modified its fee schedule "to try to accommodate the developers' needs" during times of economic pressures.

Mangilao:
Then ...
and Now

You may recognize the photo at left from our first Asian issue last March. It shows architect Robin Nelson of Honolulu at the tee station of the 168-yard 12th hole at Mangilao Golf Course in Guam. Above, Nelson's partner, Rodney Wright, tees off at the 12th hole after the course is finished. Golf Course News will keep track of Asian development with a quarterly publication beginning in March.

Three Sisters developers: 'We've lost a treasure'

By PETER BLAIS

CANMORE, Alberta, Canada — Officials of the multi-million-dollar Three Sisters Resort project near Banff National Park have received permission from provincial officials to begin construction of three golf courses.

While pleased with the approval, the company is disappointed the National Resources Conservation Board forbid development of a fourth track in the environmentally significant Wind Valley area.

"It's a very unique piece of property," said Three Sisters President Rick Melchin of the 525 acres the NRCB said must remain forever wild. "The province said it will compensate us financially. But we've lost a

treasure."

The Wind Valley restriction forced developers to scale back the resort component slightly to about 1,000 hotel rooms, Melchin said.

Construction will resume on the first course this spring, the company official said.

The Scott Miller-designed layout was just 10 percent complete last spring when the government slapped a stop-work order on the project while the NRCB debated the resort's fate.

Weather permitting, he expects the first course to open in summer 1994 and the second perhaps a year later. Miller is designing both.

"We want to build the first 36 holes as

soon as possible and see what happens from there," Melchin said.

Barry Gunn, a reporter following Three Sisters for the Canmore Ledger, said making Wind Valley off limits to development silenced the project's most vocal critics.

Gunn said local residents and officials are relieved the controversy is behind them and expects the project to receive local permits with little difficulty.

Stuart Cohen of Environmental & Turf Services Inc., who was retained by Three Sisters to conduct an environmental assessment, said that while they did not get everything they wanted, developers were still fortunate to receive permission to build

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A Myrtle Beach
original: Hamm

By MARK LESLIE

Combine a love of art and mechanical drawing with pro-caliber golfing abilities and the result can be a rare talent.

In the case of Gene Hamm, the result was the pioneer of a phenomenon of the 1980s: The PGA Tour player/designer. The 69-year-old Hamm, who earned his Tour card in 1958, has designed some 80 golf courses, including a dozen of Myrtle Beach, S.C.'s 70 courses.

The career designing golf courses wasn't planned. The PGA Tour was. Indeed, Hamm played in the first medal play, won by Dow Finsterwald in 1958.

But that was the same year pro and friend Al Smith approached Hamm to help rebuild greens, tees and bunkers at the Country Club of Danville.

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The 18th hole at the Gene Hamm-designed Magnolia Course at Pinewild

Lancaster CC resurrects Ross design

By MARK LESLIE

LANCASTER, Ohio — Donald Ross plans that were drafted but never implemented 70 years ago, have been completed on nine holes at Lancaster Country Club.

Ron Forse of Forse Design in Uniontown, Pa., carried out the 75-year-old plans on holes 10 through 18. Forse said he only added a few bunkers to the Ross design to keep balls in play, and "saddle-cut" the fairway on the 18th hole to make the green visible from the tee.

Lancaster CC Greens Chairman Tom Lally said, "We are extremely pleased with

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— Tom Lally

Greens Committee chairman

"We didn't want to try to make it tougher, just a fair test that would reward the good golf shot and penalize the bad golf shot," Lally said.

Sounds very Ross-ian.



Lancaster (Ohio) Country Club's new 12th hole.

the job done by Ron and Sheldon Price [of Links Renovation and Construction in Mentor]."

Forse explained that the back nine holes were designed by an unknown club member or members and built in 1909. Jack Kidwell of Columbus designed the front nine, built in 1959.



Ron Forse

But back in 1926 one of Donald Ross's project managers, J.B. McGovern, was brought

on-site with a set of Ross plans to rearrange the back nine with Ross' special touch.

The plan denoted bunker schemes and changed the 18th from a par-4 to a long par-3 to make room for an expanded parking lot.

For a reason unknown today, club members decided not to proceed with the renovation... until 1988.

"We have a very active Greens Committee," Lally said, explaining that they found the old Ross design in the club museum, searched for a student of Ross, "who believed in his type of architecture," and proceeded.

While Ross' plans added a number of bunkers, Forse and associate Bruce Hepner built a few more, taking into consideration the greater distances golf balls are struck today.

Lally said members planned to spend \$500,000 on course and clubhouse renovations.

Three Sisters proceeding

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in such a pristine area.

Still, Melchin sees some "alarming things" coming out of the NRCB process, a fairly new regulatory approval system that made Three Sisters "a guinea pig."

Developers have spent \$9.5 million and many years getting to this point, he added.

"That's a lot of time and money," Melchin said. "It would probably have been impossible for a smaller developer. Alberta is making a serious mistake. This could scare away a lot of potential development."

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