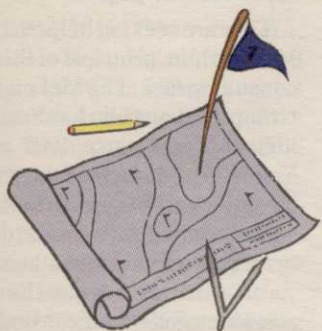


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PLAYER COURSE GETS FACELIFT

MACON, Ga. — River North Country Club, host to the former Ben Hogan-now Nike-sponsored Macon Open, held its grand reopening Oct. 23, after undergoing a major renovation project this summer. After the Hogan stop, bunkers on the front nine of the Gary Player-designed course were reshaped, sodded and sanded in-house by superintendent Arthur Jamison and his maintenance staff. Bunkers for the back nine are to be redone this spring. The greens were cored and rebuilt to USGA specifications and original profile by Hendrix & Dail, Inc./Sunbelt Services of Tifton, Ga., and Palmetto, Fla., a division of Hendrix & Dail, Inc. of Greenville, N.C.

HILLS BUSY, WISCONSIN TO S.C.

Construction has begun on the new La Crosse (Wis.) Country Club. Designed by Arthur Hills, the course will measure 7,090 yards from the championship tees and will be the centerpiece of a 1,200-acre residential development. Meanwhile, Hills is teaming with Greenwood Development Corp. to fashion Coosaw Creek Country Club in North Charleston, S.C. Hills' Southpointe Golf Club is under construction in Pittsburgh. Being developed by Millcraft Investments, Inc. of Pittsburgh, Southpointe is the focal point of a 589-acre mixed-use development.



GOLF SERVICES INKS CONTRACT

LEWISBURG, Tenn. — Golf Services Group, Inc. of Knoxville has been awarded a contract to develop a municipal golf course for the city of Lewisburg. The course will be designed by Gene Bates and Associates of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., and construction is expected to begin early this year and open in the summer or fall of 1994. The course will be built on land donated to the city by the Edward Roberts family.

RAVINES RENOVATION COMPLETE

ORANGE PARK, Fla. — Ravines Golf & Country Club in Middleburg, just south of Jacksonville, has reopened after extensive renovation. Originally designed by Mark McCumber & Associates in 1979 and built on land that weaves over and around 80-to 100-foot ravines alongside historic Black Creek, Ravines was purchased in 1990 by Kondo Sangyo Corp. of Asaka, Japan, which later commissioned McCumber to redesign and renovate all 18 greens.

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A word scramble that has paid off in North Carolina:



Before Ellis Maples died in 1984, the Maples family got together. In front are Palmer Jr., left, and Willie, sons of Palmer Maples Sr. Back, left to right, are Dan, Ellis, Joe, Gene and Wayne. Dan and Joe are sons of Ellis. Gene and Wayne are Henson Maples' sons.

By MARK LESLIE

Thank you, James Maples Jr. You gave the golf world three generations of Mapleses, whose name is now synonymous with Pinehurst.

Indeed, a person in the development business declared, "Maples: The name is Pinehurst."

James is no longer with us. He died in 1949. But his family's legacy will forever affect golf in not only North Carolina — where his son Frank built Pinehurst Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 with Donald Ross — but wherever else golfers play courses designed by his grandson Ellis and great-grandson Dan.

Today, seven great-grandchildren of James are stalwarts of the golf profession.

There are brothers Gene and Wayne — Gene the executive director of the Turfgrass Council of North Carolina and Wayne the superintendent of The Pit in Pinehurst. Their

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War or no war, golf moves on

By MARTHA LAYNE

Slovenia and Croatia, recovering from a war for their independence, are pursuing golf course development as a means of boosting tourism and encouraging economic recovery in their countries.

Both countries face an uphill battle. Yugoslavia and its former republics have a reputation in Europe of consistently offering low-quality, low-priced commodities. Early attempts at golf course development, with architectural fees averaging \$5,000 per course, were shoddy at best. With independence, a new sense of national pride is emerging and both countries are turning to America for assistance in developing an excellent product.

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Legalities aside, Fox Hollow done

LAKWOOD, Colo. — After two years of legal struggles with equestrians and environmentalists, the city of Lakewood has completed what superintendent Don Tolson calls "a masterpiece" — Fox Hollow.

Equestrians, who had no developed trails before, now have a trail through most the heavily wooded part of the property, crossing Bear Creek three times and twice climbing a hill overlooking the entire course.

"With 450 acres, we were able to build 27 holes, keep the trail apart from the course and set aside all the high-quality habitat," Tolson said. "It's a great piece of property. The soil conditions and water quality are good. Environmentally, we're going to be extremely aware, with integrated pest management practices."

Because Bear Creek runs through the course, architect Denis Griffiths and builder Wadsworth Golf Construction Co. builders maintained a 50-foot buffer for chemical applications and dug two ground-water



The first hole at Fox Hollow.

monitoring wells between the course and the creek. Tolson's crew will monitor the wells monthly through the growing season.

"Our wildlife has prospered through construction," Tolson said. "It is abundant and probably has increased. A pair of nesting

redtail hawks had three babies. There are a half dozen coyotes that are really tame, a herd of about a dozen deer, geese, ducks, great horned owls and a diversified population of songbirds.

Any foxes at Fox Hollow? "Not yet."