

## Brauer signs on for Great Southwest GC remake

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas — GolfScapes, Inc. of Arlington has been commissioned for a complete redesign of the Great Southwest Golf Club here. Renovations will include completely redesigned greens, as well as new fairway bunkers, according to GolfScapes President Jeffrey Brauer.

Rausch Golf of Denton has been retained to do the construction work. The club's owner is Great American Clubs of Dallas.

Great Southwest, originally designed by Ralph Plummer in association with Byron Nelson, is considered one of the best natural layouts in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Over the years, the original small greens have become inadequate for the demands of today's

golfers. The greens will be enlarged, rebunkered, recontoured and seeded with new neat-tolerant varieties of bentgrass.

Brauer said he wants to retain as much of the original traditional character of the golf course as possible.

"However, we must take into account the faster green surfaces of today, as well as circulation, speed of play and fairness for all classes of golfer who now play at the club," he said.

"The final look, while traditional, will be completely revised. Given the natural site, we believe the course will attain a new reputation for greatness in the Metroplex."

Construction is scheduled to conclude this fall.

## Burns uses streams, ravines, hills to give Hawk's Nest track character

WOOSTER, Ohio — Two hundred acres of rolling terrain, streams and ravines provide the easel for architect Stephen Burns' new Hawk's Nest Golf Club here.

A upscale daily-fee course owned by Earl and Betty Hawkins, Hawk's Nest opened its first nine on July 13. Seeding for the second nine was done this summer.

Lakes or streams influence play on nine holes, although there are few forced carries. Tended by superintendent Tim Smith, formerly of Acacia Country Club, the track measures from 4,650 to 6,600 yards.

Central Florida Turf of Avon Park, Fla., built the course with the Fernandina Beach, Fla.-based Burns Golf Design. The two firms have broken ground on The Club at Ravenswood Lake, a development course in nearby Medina.

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Country Club in Taipei; the Manila Southwoods Masters Course in the Philippines; Sendai Minami Golf Club in Miyagi Prefecture, Japan; the East Course at Springfield Royal Country Club in Cha-am, Thailand; Sun Valley Golf Club in Nokor Rajasima Province, Thailand; and Bangkok's Winsan Golf Club.

Nicklaus Design has opened its new office in Hong Kong, where the U.S.-based golf architecture, agronomy and management firm will coordinate business developments in China and other Asia-Pacific countries. Michael Grant, vice president of Golden Bear International, will relocate to the Hong Kong office and head the company's Asia-Pacific operations.

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ZHAO QING, China — True to its globe-trotting form, Gary Player Design Co. has delved into the Chinese market without hesitation.

The 54-hole Zhao Qing Golf Club is scheduled for completion here in mid-1994. Gary Player visited the site (75 miles west of Guangzhou) earlier this summer. It was the Black Knight's first-ever visit to the world's most populous nation.

Player toured the grounds with one of his firm's top designer, Tom Ross, who is handling the on-site, architectural direction.

During the same trip, Player stopped in Shenzhen — just a few miles from the Hong Kong border — to host the marketing launch of the Sand River Golf Club.

Developer Serge Pun and several of the founding members were in attendance.

The 27-hole Gary Player design will include nine holes of links land golf, nine holes winding around lakes, and nine equipped with night lighting. Sand River will also feature a Gary Player Golf Academy.

Meanwhile, construction of the 18-hole Orchard Golf and Country Club in Manila is nearing completion.

Final shaping has been wrapped up on 13 holes and the irrigation system has been installed on nine more. According to Player's Design Coordinator, Danie Obermeyer, nine holes were played before the onset of rainy season in July.

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