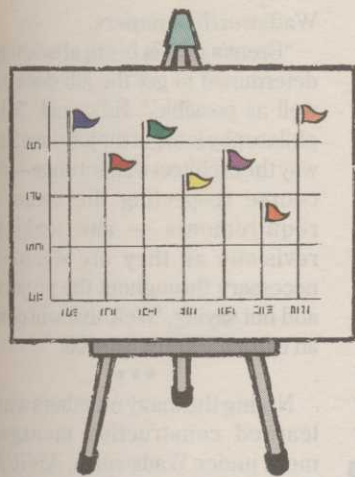


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WATER AT ISSUE WITH ASLA

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — The American Society of Landscape Architects will inaugurate a new annual meeting concept here, Oct. 8-11, when thousands of landscape architects and related professionals will share information and ideas and experiment with the latest technology available to the profession. The meeting's focus will be on water issues.

KENOVA BUSY IN MEXICO

GUADALAJARA, Mexico — Kenova Construction Corp. of West Palm Beach, Fla., has been awarded its second golf course contract in Mexico. The project encompasses 650 acres in the mountains here above Guadalajara City. Kenova built Club de Golf Malinalco outside Mexico City last year. Having been approved as a major U.S. exporter, Kenova also is able to arrange financing for qualified foreign developers through our U.S. bank.

DALY INKS FIRST DESIGN PACT

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — John Daly is working with developers here on the design of a Scottish links-style golf course that will open in fall, 1995. The course, is the first golf course project for Daly, who is serving as player-consultant to architect Clyde Johnston. The course is a project a Southpart Golf Group Ltd. Partnership.



John Daly

ARCHITECTS SESSION READIED

SAN FRANCISCO — The impact of wetlands preservation, disabilities regulations and effluent availability on golf course construction will be the focus of the annual American Society of Golf Course Architects conference here, April 16-20. Led by President Jerry Matthews, the conference at the Pan Pacific Hotel will feature Past President Dick Phelps speaking on "Implications of Americans With Disabilities Act Legislation on Design of New and Remodeled Courses"; Dr. Ali Haravandi of the University of California on "The Impact of Effluent Availability on New Course Construction"; and Dr. Mike Josselyn of Wetland Research Associates on "The Impact of New Wetlands Legislation."

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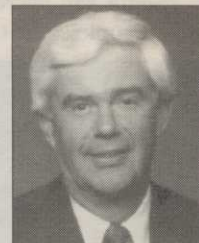
Legacy Ridge, above, shared the 1993 National Environmental Steward Award for Public Golf Courses with Applewood Golf Course, Golden, Colo., whose course superintendent is Ronald L. Conard. Scott Tuggle is superintendent of the 18-hole Legacy Ridge course located in Westminster, Colo., and set to open in August. It was designed by Arthur Hill. Other Environmental Award winners are The Golf Club at Shiloh Falls, Pickwick Dam, Tenn., resort course division; and Tampa Palms Golf & Country Club, Tampa, Fla., private course division.

GCBAAs President Kirchdorfer calls for industry to promote game

By MARK LESLIE

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Saying that golf course builders "keep taking the game of golf to another level in quality," the new president of the Golf Course Builders Association of America (GCBAAs) has assumed a positive outlook on the association's role in the industry.

"I envision the golf course builders spending time and resources to promote the game," said James J. Kirchdorfer,



Jim Kirchdorfer

president of Irrigation Supply Co. in Louisville, Ky. "We need to be doing things that help our industry, so that there are more courses being built and remodeled and this, of course, brings business to our members."

Kirchdorfer knows of which he speaks. Since starting Irrigation Supply Co. in

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A treasure found on boundaries of The Badlands

By MARK LESLIE

RAY, N.D. — Saying his property itself is a miracle, superintendent and part-owner-to-be Stan Weeks is anxious for work to begin on Red Mike Golf Resort. So aren't his partners in this "build it and they will come" venture, which sits in the Badlands of North Dakota — between four (such-as-they-are) population centers.

There's major partner Mike Ames, owner of Agri Industries of Williston. Then there are minor partners Stephen Kay, a golf course architect from Bronxville, N.Y., and Marvin Schlauch, a course shaper who works out of New York.



Red Mike was an outlaw, but the hill named for his capture is the setting for what promises to be an exciting golf course.

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Q & A

D.J. DeVictor on cutting edge of design for the handicapped golfer

An apprentice of architect Arthur Hills and the former director of Fairfield Development Corp.'s Resorts and Golf Development Division, D.J. DeVictor has found himself in the position of pioneer in the design of golf courses for the physically challenged. The 40-year-old Roswell, Ga., architect and partner Peter Langham have been chosen to design Clemson University's new handicap-accessible golf course, even though the Federal Access Board is still drafting guidelines to supplement the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA). If approved, they are expected to be implemented and enforceable for courses opening in 1995 and beyond.

Golf Course News: What special problems are posed by the demand for accessibility?

D.J. DeVictor: In new golf course construction we don't necessarily see any restrictive criteria. The major issue is cart paths as the accessible route through the golf course. We feel the components that accessible golf will bring out will probably create better courses for everybody, with

very little financial impact.

GCN: You say the regulations will bring about better golf courses. How so?

DJ: They are asking for accessibility to tees, fairways, greens, and into bunkers. It will be much easier for the elderly, youngsters and anybody walking up a slope to a tee box, to just walk out of the cart and onto the tee box. In green design, they're

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D.J. DeVictor

Badlands site looms as friendly soil for North Dakota developers

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Red Mike, which will include the golf course and 80 spots for recreational vehicles, holds an intense attraction to each of the four partners. For Weeks — the superintendent at Country Club of Williston — “we already have better quality soil than we could even buy.

“Everything around this spot is clay hills and buttes. Yet, there is virtually no rock on this particular property. You could take an 18-inch soil probe and

bury it to the handle.”

For Kay, the architect, this may be the site of a lifetime. “I thought it was Ireland,” he said. “It is pot-marked, dunesy terrain, but similar to the cliff areas of Ireland. On half the holes we have beautiful views of Lake Sakakawea. But, water does not come into play.”

For Schlauch, it's a much desired chance for an extended visit to his home state.

Ames? “Stan and I decided this area desperately needs a real golf

course. We started looking for a place, and found our little bit of Scotland right out here in North Dakota,” he said.

Ames and Weeks searched along the Missouri River on the lookout for just the right land a year ago. A farmer whose land they singled out told them the best spot was not his farm but Red Mike Hill — a 270-acre property, sitting high above the waterway and named for a notorious cattle thief of the early 1900s. Weeks, who drove to

Nebraska to walk the much-talked-about Sand Hills Golf Course (GCN, February 1994), said: “I feel we have as much to work with as they do. They have higher mounding with the sand hills. We've got higher elevations. We've got the lake. And the land is like big sink holes.”

“What spurred me on,” Ames said, “was that I knew the soil type was right and we don't find that often in this part of the country. And we had a wonderful water supply.

Courses around here are built on poor soil and have poor-quality water for irrigation.”

“This site is a miracle,” Weeks said.

Indeed, only 1,000 to 2,000 cubic yards of dirt will be moved, Kay said. “We will only cut and balance the tee and green locations... The sandy loam soil is such high quality that [soil laboratories] said if we build big greens and have good surface runoff we can do pushup greens.”

That same soil also poses a challenge for Weeks. It contains a pH ranging from 8.3 to 9.4. Weeks has run test plots of grasses he intends to use:

- A blend of Seaside bentgrass and Jamestown II chewings fescue on the fairways
- A blend of Southshore, Cobra and Providence bentgrasses and Jamestown II chewings fescue on the greens and tees.

Ground will be broken in late April or early May. Late August or September is the target for completion and the foursome hopes to open the track by Labor Day 1995.

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The Red Mike project is a testament to how to overcome financial obstacles.

Ames and Weeks formed a partnership, bought the land and are leasing it to Red Mike Development Corp., consisting of the four men.

Kay and Schlauch are forgoing their fees in exchange for part ownership of the facility.

“We're leaving money on the table so they will have enough to do the project,” Kay said. “We'll have a cash outlay of around \$500,000 for 18 holes and a practice range.

Ames' company will install the costly irrigation system. Thus, his share of Red Mike will be greater.

14 course builders earn certification

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Fourteen golf course builders have met requirements for certification for 1994, according to the Golf Course Builders Association of America (GCBA).

Passing the GCBA-instituted criteria and tests were Buky Golf of Mt. Washington, Ky.; Central Florida Turf of Avon Park, Fla.; Paul Clute & Associates of Hartland, Mich.; Dye Construction of California in Denver, Colo.; Environmental Golf of Santa Ana, Calif.; Fairway Construction of Temecula, Calif.; Golf Development Construction of Louisville, Ky.

Also, Greenscape Ltd. of Menlo Park, Calif.; Guettler & Sons of Ft. Pierce, Fla.; Landscapes Unlimited of Lincoln, Neb.; Moore Golf of Culpeper, Va.; Pierman Golf Co. of North Palm Beach, Fla.; Prince Contracting Co. of Palmetto, Fla.; and Wadsworth Golf Construction Co. of Plainfield, Ill.

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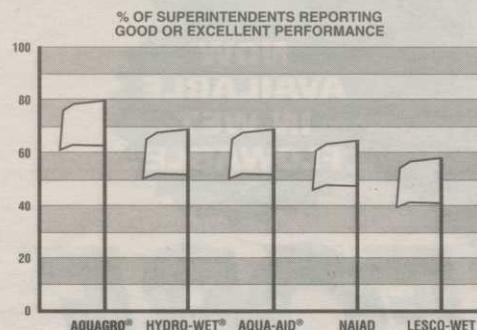
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