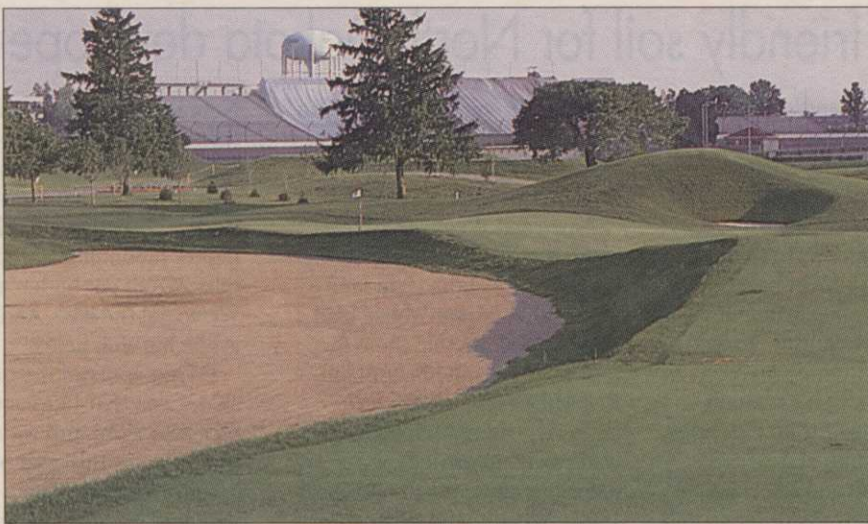


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Proving that auto racing and golf do mix, Pete Dye has redesigned the former Indianapolis Speedway Golf Course into a track of another kind. Originally designed in the late 1920s by Bill Diddle, with nine holes inside the oval, Dye has given the layout his special touch, and Speedway president Tony George has given it a new name: Brickyard Crossing. More than 1.5 million cubic yards of earth were moved to sculpt dramatic, rolling terrain and weave the course around Little Eagle Creek. Four holes now lie inside the oval. Mature trees were retained, 650 new trees planted, and marshy areas were set aside for wildlife.

Photo by Ken May/Rolling Greens Photography



Arlington Course to get Coore-Crenshaw touch

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. — The architecture firm of Coore & Crenshaw, Inc. has been selected to restore the Arlington Course at Hot Springs Country Club. The Arlington Course was designed by Bill Diddle in 1932.

The restoration work will begin July 5, and will include work on tees, greens and bunkers.

“Our intent is not to alter the Arlington Course, but merely polish it,” according to Bill Coore. “Bill Diddle and his co-workers created one of the finest examples of green and approach contouring that Ben and I have ever seen.”

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Schreiner opens doors with major resort in China

By MARK LESLIE

DUJIANGYAN, China — The base of the Quingcheng Mountains will serve as the canvas for construction of the first golf course in Sichuan Province — part of a major resort expected to include two hotels, an American heritage theme park, mountain resort, villas and homes.

Called American Paradise, the 600-acre property neighbors a huge national park that attracts 8 million to 10 million Chinese every year. It sits a one-hour drive west of the capital city of Chengdu.

Developed by Sichuan Everbright Jinlian Industry Co., American Paradise is being built by Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum (HOK), which has 10 offices around the world, including Hong Kong and Tokyo. HOK is the builder of Camden Yards for the Baltimore Orioles and Gateway for the Cleveland Indians.

“This has the makings of an extraordinary [project],” said Craig Schreiner, senior golf course architect and consultant with HOK.

Ground was broken March 28 for a public course expected to open in the fall of 1995. Work on a private track will begin in 1996, said the Kansas City, Mo., architect.

The site and available labor have Schreiner excited about the possibilities. Situated in China’s most productive agricultural region, the public course will occupy a majority of the land closer to the lower portion of the property and will contain “a lot of nice roll” and a man-made 50-acre lake.

“The private course will hover in and around the base of the mountains,” and will be tied to upscale real estate, Schreiner said.

Running through the site is one of the 30-foot-wide canals that flows from the world-renowned, 2,000-year-old Dujiangyan Irrigation Project that harnesses four rivers, irrigates the entire province and regulates water flows for much of the country.

“There is so much labor available, that we will have hand-built walls, beautiful cobblestone paths, a lot of elaborate, detailed handwork,” Schreiner said.

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