

Bruce Matthews III busy on Mich. sites

RICHMOND, Mich. — Richmond Forest, a 6,600-yard Bruce Matthews III design featuring seven lakes and a variety of woods on 170 acres, will open in June.

Wiegand Nursery, a partner in the golf course, will be planting a variety of plants and trees ranging from the wetland species to flowers; shrubs to large trees. The arboretum will be labeled for the golfers and school tours. Trickle irrigation is being run to every tree planted. Each hole will have a different planting theme, ranging from the willows on the third hole to the mature oaks and maples on the 18th hole. Elegant landscaping adjacent to tees will showcase a variety of shrubs and ground covers.

The daily-fee course is a partnership of the Kaltz family which has been in the golf industry over 40 years, and the Wiegand family, which has been in the nursery business for as long a time.

Meanwhile, Brookshire Inn & Golf Club, a 6,360-yard course situated on the Red Cedar River 15 miles east of Michigan's state capitol, will open a new 9 and renovated 9 in July. The original 9 designed by W. Bruce Matthews, grandfather of W. Bruce Matthews III, in 1959. The existing golf course is being renovated with additional tees and fairway and green bunkers. The additional nine holes are situated on rolling meadows and adjacent wetlands.

First Indian heritage course planned on Wis. tribal land

GRESHAM, Wis. — The Stockbridge-Munsee Community has retained Gilmore Graves Golf, Inc. of Spring Green, to design and build the state's first Indian heritage golf course. It is an 18-hole project on newly expanded tribal lands here.

The golf course is the former Pine Hills Country Club, a nine-hole facility, recently purchased by the tribe. The project will interpret

the Stockbridge-Munsee heritage in its use of land forms and design themes that are integral to the tribe's culture. Tribal President Leah Miller Heath sees the project as a further expansion of the economic and job base of the tribe.

"The tribe looks to the golf course as another potential development which will not only provide additional revenue for people, but as a project the tribe and members can create and nurture from beginning to end as a total community effort," she said.

The golf course is one phase of a comprehensive land use master plan being developed by the tribe with the assistance of Gilmore Graves. The plan includes commercial development, community service infrastructure, conservancy areas, and a multi-use recreational trail system.

Breakers West remake means more home lots

JUPITER, Fla. — The recently completed renovations of the back nine holes at the Breakers West golf course will allow more lots to be sold in the luxury golf community, translating to \$6 million in potential sales.

"There were two goals for the redesign," said John Sanford of Sanford & Associates, the Jupiter-based golf course and landscape architectural firm responsible for the renovation. "We wanted to bring the course up to date, providing greater playability as well as additional strategy and shot-making options, and we wanted to accommodate development of more single-family residences."

Six holes were reconfigured and three holes completely remodeled. The redesigned course features include positive drainage of all play areas, additional shot options, more water hazards, and increased visual dynamics.

The renovations, which started last spring, teamed Sanford on the project with PGA tour player and design consultant Ken Green. Hole #15 is Green's "signature hole."

"It's potentially drivable par 4, giving the player an option to lay up for safety or gamble on driving the green," Sanford explained. "The hole plays predominantly down wind with 315 yards from the back tees, 295 yards from the regular tees and 230 yards from the forward tees."

Va. has new track

BRISTOW, Va. — Bristow Manor Golf Club, Virginia's newest daily-fee golf course is now open. Measuring more than 7,000 yards, this par-72 layout is set in the lush, rolling hills of northern Virginia.

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