

## VIOLA ADDS TOUCH

## Boca Woods remake complete

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Boca Woods Country Club has finished a two-year renovation program on its two courses and is reopening the North Course in November.

Under architect Lorrie A. Viola of L.A. Links in Farmington Hills, Mich., the North Course construction this summer reshaped and regrassed the greens with Tifdwarf Bermuda-grass.

Superintendent John Gallagher

and contractors Tifton Turf extended tees, replaced bunker sand and resurfaced the cart paths.

The South Course facelift was done last year, the greens being rebuilt to U.S. Golf Association specifications and the bunkers being reshaped. Viola said the project added as much as 300 to 500 square feet per green, giving the members "more movement and better pin placement."



The 335-yard, par-4 16th hole at Crystal Lake Golf Club in Lakeville, Minn., designed by Williams, Gill & Associates of River Falls, Wis.

## Williams, Gill fashion Minn. centerpiece

By MARK LESLIE

LAKEVILLE, Minn. — Using nearly a dozen ponds, a creek and dramatic natural features, Williams, Gill and Associates has fashioned a golf course that will be the centerpiece of Crystal Lakes Golf Estates here.

The par-71 track, which will open next spring, will cover 5,200 to 6,500 yards over four sets of tees, according to Garrett Gill.

The course was built by Glen Rehbein Excavating — which constructed The Links at North Fork in North Metro Minneapolis among other courses — while the entire project was planned and developed by Freeborn-Mower, Ltd., of Lakeville. Freeborn-Mower, which has built 300 houses in the community, is leasing the course to Golf Enterprises Inc.

"It's a core-type course, with a majority of housing on the outside of the course," Gill said.

The course itself covers 140 acres of uplands and lowlands, featuring "stands of oak groves and quite a well-balanced diversity in terrain and vegetation," he said.

Ranging from one-quarter acre to three acres, the ponds serve as strategic elements as well as for water management and purity. All the runoff water from the streets flows through these lined ponds before funneling to Crystal Lake.

"Because of the topography of the property, several of the lakes on the front nine step down from higher to lower elevations," Gill said.

These ponds come into play on six holes, while North Creek flows through the property, influencing play on Nos. 2, 3 and 4.

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MEDINA, Ohio — The golf course at Fox Meadow Golf & Country Club is scheduled to be completely seeded by mid-October, with play expected to commence in the summer of 1995.

The course, part of a 563-acre, upscale real-estate development, was designed by Burns Golf

Design, of Fernandina Beach, Fla. and built by Central Florida Turf, of Avon Park.

Fox Meadow is located on moderately rolling to hilly terrain. A 55-acre lake influences play on several holes. Number 13 is a 196-yard par-3 playing from seven different tees located on or around

the big lake's dam to a well-protected green. The green is set into an amphitheater, about 20 feet below the tees.

A unique feature at Fox Meadow is the three-level, 27,000-square-foot putting green. From top to bottom, the green has about seven feet of elevation change.

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