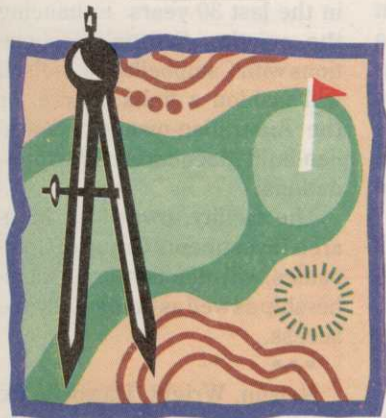


## BRIEFS

**NORMAN OPENS U.S. DESIGN OFFICE**

TEQUESTA, Fla. — After designing 17 golf courses around the world, Greg Norman Golf Design of Sydney, Australia, has opened an office here.



Greg Norman

Norman said it made sense geographically to locate in Florida, following the recent success of The Medalist Golf Club in nearby Hobe Sound and other ventures in Georgia and Puerto Rico. The office is located at 218 South U.S. Highway One, Suite 301, Tequesta, Fla. 33469; 407-743-8818.

**KITE/CUPP SELECTED IN AUSTIN**

AUSTIN, Texas — Glenfield Development, Inc. and Kite/Cupp Design plan to build a member-owned luxury golf club here. Devoted exclusively to golf, Glenfield Golf Club will feature a links-style 18-hole course and only 275 memberships. The club will be located along Onion Creek, southeast of the new Austin/Bergstrom International Airport. Ground breaking ceremonies are scheduled for this summer. Robert Cupp will design the course in association with 1992 U.S. Open Champion Tom Kite.

**TURNBERRY REDO COMPLETE**

AVENTURA, Fla. — The greens are rebuilt to U.S. Golf Association specifications, the tees are leveled, and the bunkers are newly sculpted, completing Turnberry Isle Resort & Club's \$1 million renovation to the 18-hole North Course. An entirely new drainage system was installed, new layers of gravel, sand, and topsoil were added, and each green was replanted with Bermudagrass.

**WILSON A VP AT LANDSCAPES**

LINCOLN, Neb. — Landscapes Unlimited, Inc. has promoted Roy Wilson to vice president. Wilson heads up the company's Irrigation Division. In addition to managing 10 irrigation installations, he is also responsible for irrigation estimates, bidding and as-builts. Wilson joined Landscapes in 1977 and has served the company as an irrigation installation superintendent and project manager.



Roy Wilson

# Clark AFB course resurrection renders insights

By MARK LESLIE

**M**IMOSA, The Philippines — Resurrected from the (literal) ash pile, the former 18-hole Clark Air Force Base golf course has been transformed into a 27-hole private resort club, with memberships, that is expected to open in October.

Called Mimosa Resort, the project is one of several built on property that served as Clark AFB until Mount Pinatubo erupted in October 1991, dumping about three feet of ashes on it and devastating the course. When the Americans left the base, the Philippine government took over and auctioned off portions to private developers. The government expects to open a major

airport here in 1998.

Robin Nelson of golf course designers Nelson, Wright, Haworth said 18 holes — a mammoth facelift of the old course — will open in October along with a brand-new nine holes.

While it covered the property with ash, the Pinatubo eruption left the huge mimosa trees lining a number of fairways, and Nelson, Wright, Haworth used them in their new design, rerouting the fairways so none of trees were lost. Builders also added six lakes encompassing seven acres, all of which come into play.

The developer, Mondragon International Philippines Inc. — headed by Tony Gonzalez, the country's former

director of tourism and ex-chairman of Philippine Airlines — plans to construct a lodge for the project.

One blessing of the Pinatubo ordeal, Nelson said, was that "we were able to study the effect of ash on the turfgrass. We found that in small quantities it's an excellent top dressing material."

The Mimosa Resort course was built with a future volcanic eruption in mind. It is fitted with massive hoses able to wash ash off the fairways, and with several vacuum-like devices able to sweep ash off the greens.

Meanwhile, Nelson, Wright, Haworth has designed another 27-hole course in San Pablo City 90 miles south of

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## Palmer singles out restorations

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Pointing to a greater need for architectural and construction assistance in restoration and remodeling as older classic courses compete with new ones, Palmer Course Design Co. has announced a renewed commitment to classic course restoration.

Wes Moon and Joe T. Veal will concentrate on this market by offering totally hands-on construction supervision and feature shaping.

Moon has returned to the United States after an extended stay in the Philippines. He was instrumental in the feature shaping of The Legacy Course at The Orchard Golf and Country Club in Dasmarias, Cavite, Philippines. The Legacy Course was recently selected to host the Johnnie Walker Classic, one of the premier golf events in the Asian/Pacific region. Prior to joining the staff of Palmer Course Design Co., Moon spent many years shaping Palmer courses.

For two years prior to joining Palmer Course Design Co., Veal was construct-

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**THE PATE PLEDGE**

Jerry Pate Golf, directed by the golfing great, promises top-notch golf at its new design, Kiva Dunes, which sits between the Gulf of Mexico and Bon Secur Bay in Fort Morgan, Ala. Expected to open in April, Kiva Dunes is a semi-private, 18-hole track that stretches from 4,994 to 7,092 yards. Owners Larry Drummond and Jim Edgemond of D&E Investments are planning single-family housing on the site, including some beachfront lots on the Gulf of Mexico.

## Dye receiving Ross Award

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — Pete Dye, who developed a new style of golf course architecture during the past 25 years, has been chosen by the American Society of Golf Course Architects (ASGCA) to receive its 1995 Donald Ross Award.

Dye is the third ASGCA member to receive the award. In 1976 Robert Trent Jones was honored with the initial Ross Award, which is presented annually to an individual who has made contributions to the field of golf course architecture. Geoffrey Cornish, who like Jones and Dye served as president of the society, was honored in 1982.

The Ross Award will be presented to Dye at a banquet here on Tuesday, April 25, at the Russacks Hotel during the ASGCA's annual



Pete Dye

meeting in Scotland.

"It is fitting that we honor Pete Dye in Scotland," noted ASGCA President Don Knott, "since he has long admired Donald Ross and has formulated much of his design philosophy and design characteristics from the great links courses of Scotland. Pete Dye, through his designs, has reintroduced the American golfer to the 'real' game of golf."

In order to thwart today's pros, who get longer distance each year from high-tech golf clubs and balls, Dye creates hazards on his courses that require constant thinking and precise shotmaking. Dye and

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## Free-standing ranges up 236

MIDLOTHIAN, Va. — The number of free-standing golf ranges (those not associated with a golf course) in the United States has grown by 236 facilities, according to preliminary results from Forecast Golf Group.

The total number of free-standing golf ranges in the United States as of Dec. 31, was 2,184. This represents a 12.1 percent increase over the 1993 numbers of 1,948 facilities. The industry statistics represent Forecast's preliminary results from its year-end research and analysis. Final results are expected this month.

According to James E. Turner, vice president of Forecast Golf, "Based on the number of inquiries we receive from new golf range developers, we expect the development of new ranges

to continue. Therefore, the number of golf ranges will continue to increase, but not at the double-digit growth rates we have seen over the past few years. This indicates

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## Service joins buyers, sellers

MIDLOTHIAN, Va. — Forecast Golf Group has initiated a new service, called the Range Exchange, for the golf range industry. The Range Exchange brings together buyers and sellers of golf ranges, striving to reduce the time involved in purchasing and/or selling a golf range.

According to Jim Murphy, president of

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## Range growth expected to slow

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that more markets are achieving a balance of supply and demand. With some markets becoming saturated with golf ranges, it is becoming ever more critical for the developer to perform the proper market research. This research will indicate whether the market can support a new facility."

## Buyers, meet sellers

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Forecast Golf.

For buyers, Forecast can identify ranges for sale in any geographic area in the United States. For sellers, Forecast can identify potential golf range purchasers in the immediate market area, or any region of the country. Forecast will qualify interested buyers through a screening process. This service will save the golf range owner from having to deal with unqualified buyers. Forecast can also act on behalf of the range seller, allowing the owner to maintain confidentiality. For more information, contact Forecast at 804-379-5760.

# Joneses — Rees and Bill — unveil links layout on the Atlantic Ocean

By MARK LESLIE

SEA ISLAND, Ga. — The Jones Connection has proven a fortuitous one here. Enter the principals: Cloister Hotel president and owner Bill Jones III and golf course architect Rees Jones. Witness the results: Ocean Forest Golf Club — a links-style track reminiscent of the first courses in Scotland and possessing their elements.

"I think it's going to be regarded as one of the great golf courses in the world some day," Rees Jones said. "Mainly because it's on the type of land the game evolved from. It has all the elements: the ocean, the river, dunes, saltwater marsh and, on top of that, some magnificent stands of hardwoods and pine trees."

"It will intrigue people because every hole will be different even though it's on a piece of ground that doesn't change dramatically in elevation."

The Joneses, who had collaborated on a renovation of nine holes at the Plantation course at Sea Island, expected a winner — for golf, the environment and financially. The 300 club memberships were all sold before the March 30 opening, and Bill Jones III plans to build 180 townhouses.

The 380-acre property sits on the tip of the small island where the Hampton River meets the Atlantic Ocean — a parcel "that the Joneses wanted to preserve," said

Rees. And preserve, they did. Working with the Army Corps of Engineers, Rees routed the layout to fit and not ruin the environment. "We used all the natural elements to the utmost," he said. "In the old days, they used sites to their optimum, because they could not move dirt. When you get a site like this, you have to use what you have. We left every dune in place, like they would have done in the past."

Rees likened the course to Cypress Point, taking the golfer through various terrain and finishing on the ocean. It starts in the woods, comes out to the river on the 5th hole, goes back through dunes, then back by the salt water marsh on 10, then to the river on 12 and 13, back to marsh, and across a beautiful expanse of saltwater marsh at 16. The 17th hole is back to the ocean and the 18th is spectacular, right on the beach.

Its hallmark, Rees said, is its "links-style design with a lot of open entrances. When wind is blowing you can hit the ramps and run the ball on. If the wind isn't blowing, you can fly it in. It will play differently every day, depending on how dry and windy the course is. It has a lot of ramps, especially on longer holes, and on the shorter ones, the greens are better protected."

## Pro, builder open 'one-stop' firm

ST. CLOUD, Fla. — Golf course builder Reed Berlinsky and PGA pro Barney Neal have pooled their talents in a partnership here to provide golf course investors with one-stop shopping for building, consulting and managing golf driving ranges and learning centers.

The partnership forms a division of Reed H. Berlinsky, Inc., the course builder primarily in the Southeast, which brings more than two decades of experience to the venture. It was established in response to a growing number of investors seeking to properly position their product while avoiding costly mistakes. Neal and Berlinsky are prepared to provide assistance on initial planning, permitting, design, construction, public relations, and management.

Neal was head pro at Cedarbrook Country Club in Philadelphia for more than a dozen years. Berlinsky, Inc. has in-house capabilities of clearing, earthwork, rough and finish shaping, irrigation systems, drainage, cart paths, and green construction.

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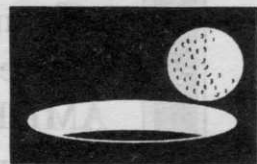
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