

# Flurry of activity in Asia-Pacific region includes 27-hole facility by Panya Group

BANGKOK, Thailand — The Panya Group will develop a total of 72 holes — all designed by **Ron Fream** and Golfplan — at three locations in the Greater Bangkok area. The trio of Panya facilities are components of the Panya Group's substantial golf residential real-estate business.

Panya Indra, on the north side of Bangkok, includes a 27-hole, free-standing course with a large housing development nearby. Panya Park, also boasting 27 holes, is a high-end real-estate development. The Thai Golf Association has asked to use the course as the site of the Thai Open after 1996. The 18-hole Panya Hill project, in Chonburi, is a resort getaway about two hours drive south of Bangkok.

Meanwhile, other Fream projects include:

- An unnamed 36-hole facility is under construction at Bukit Tunggul near Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The first 18 holes will be completed around June and the second 18 a year later.

- Near Kotakinabalu, the capital of Sabah on the west coast of the island of Borneo, the first 18 holes of a 36-hole project are under construction as part of a resort called Karanbunai, Fream said.

- Ravenswood — a 36-hole project in the wine country of Mandurah, south of Perth. The Western Australia project is being developed by the Everland Group of Singapore

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PERTH, Western Australia — When the first nine were christened here at Secret Harbour Golf Club late in 1994, marking the third **Graham Marsh Design** opening in as many months. This spate of development activity, combined with the Australian's reemergence on the Senior PGA Tour, has thrust the continent-hopping Marsh into golf's fast lane.

The links-style side at Secret Harbour joins the newly opened 18 at Mission Valley Golf Club in Fukoaka, Japan, and the Staffield Country Resort course in Malaysia. Graham Marsh Design Co. has further projects under construction in Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia and New Zealand.

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DONG GUAN, People's Republic of China — The first 18 here at Mission Hills Country Club has opened for play with another 18 to follow in early 1996.

The **Jack Nicklaus** project, located 100 km east of Guangzhou, is one of several Nicklaus Design projects nearing completion in Asia-Pacific. Project manager Chris Cochran oversaw construction and grow-in of the first Mission Hills course. Cochran has eight more under this wing in the region. Among them:

- Construction at the Antipolo club in Manila has resumed construction following a rainy-

season shut-down. Jack Nicklaus II is designing the course, his first in the Philippines.

- Early 1995 ground-breakings are slotted for three more PRC projects: The 36-hole Hangzhou Golf Club, the 18-hole Suzhou Golf Club in Shanghai (both designed by the elder Nicklaus), and the 18-hole Huiyang Golf and Country Club, laid out by **Jack Nicklaus II**.

- Ground has already been broken at Nicklaus Design's lone Australian project, the Lakelands

in Brisbane, Queensland.

Project manager **Bruce Borland** reports the grow-in at Nicklaus II's Bukit Darma design in Jakarta is underway, while construction of another Nicklaus II course — Borneo Golf Resort in Saba, Malaysia — started up in late 1994.

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The balance of Borland's projects — Emerald One in Jakarta, the Jerudong Resort in Brunei, The Legends Golf and Country Club in Johor, Malaysia, and another 18 at Borneo Golf Resort — all elder Nicklaus designs, remain in the construction phase.

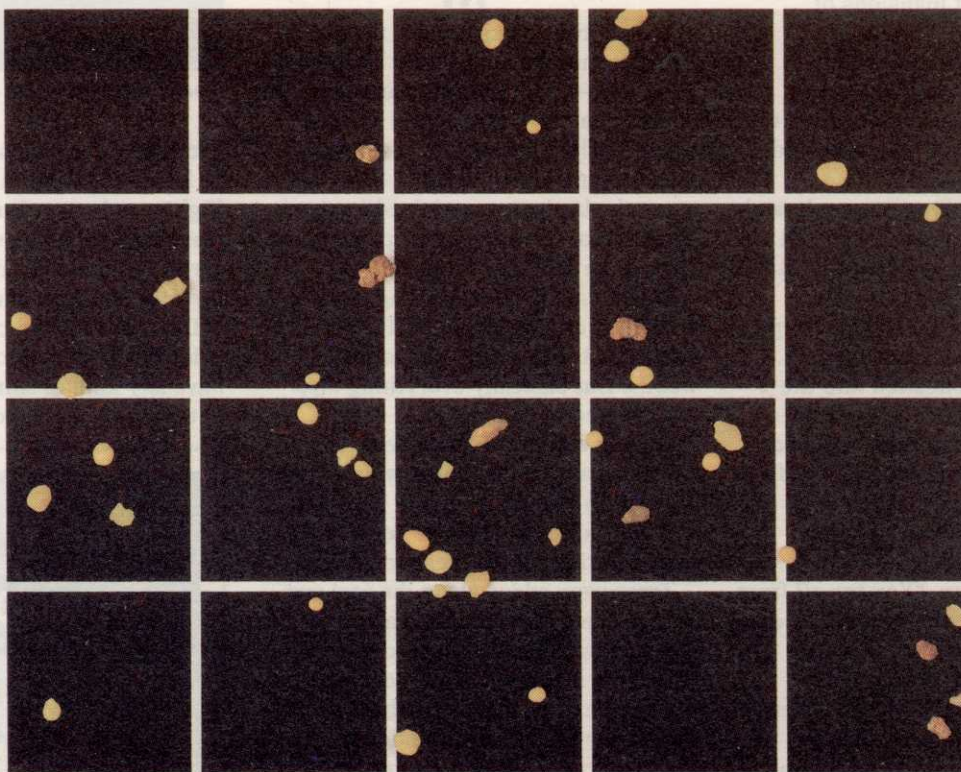
Project manager **Dave Heatwole** reports that design activities at Classic Golf Resort in New Delhi, India, gave way to construction in December, while a pair of Indonesian island projects

— Tamarin Santana on Batam and Bintan Lagoons — are still under construction.

In Japan, where project manager **Lee Schmidt** oversees the Nicklaus Design portfolio, Jack II's renovation of the Sanyo Golf Club in Okayama City is nearly complete. Grow-in has commenced.

Schmidt also reports that construction has begun at the Spring City project in Kunming, PRC, while construction

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# Bobby Weed leaves PGA Tour to design courses freely on his own

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — After 11 years with the PGA Tour, golf course architect Bobby Weed has left PGA Tour Design Services and set up his own company, Robert C. Weed Jr. Design, Inc., based here.

Although disappointed to see Weed end his relationship with the Tour, PGA Tour Commissioner Tim Finchem lauded his work. "Bobby Weed has done a fine job for the Tournament Players Club network," said Finchem. "He is

one of those unusual people who, although very creative, is willing to listen to other ideas. This should help make him a success in his future endeavors and we all wish him well."

The 39 year-old designer is unique in that he holds both associate membership in the American Society of Golf Course Architects and certified status as a member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. A native of South Carolina, he was trained at Lake

City Community College in Florida, and spent seven years apprenticing with Pete Dye.

Weed worked for two years as course superintendent at Sawgrass. From 1985 to 1987, he was construction superintendent for Tournament Players Club projects, working in conjunction with Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus, among others. He became chief designer of PGA



Bobby Weed

Tour Design Services in 1987.

Weed worked closely with Pete Dye on the development of Long Cove Club on Hilton Head Island, S.C., and co-designed Cypress Links in Jupiter, Fla.

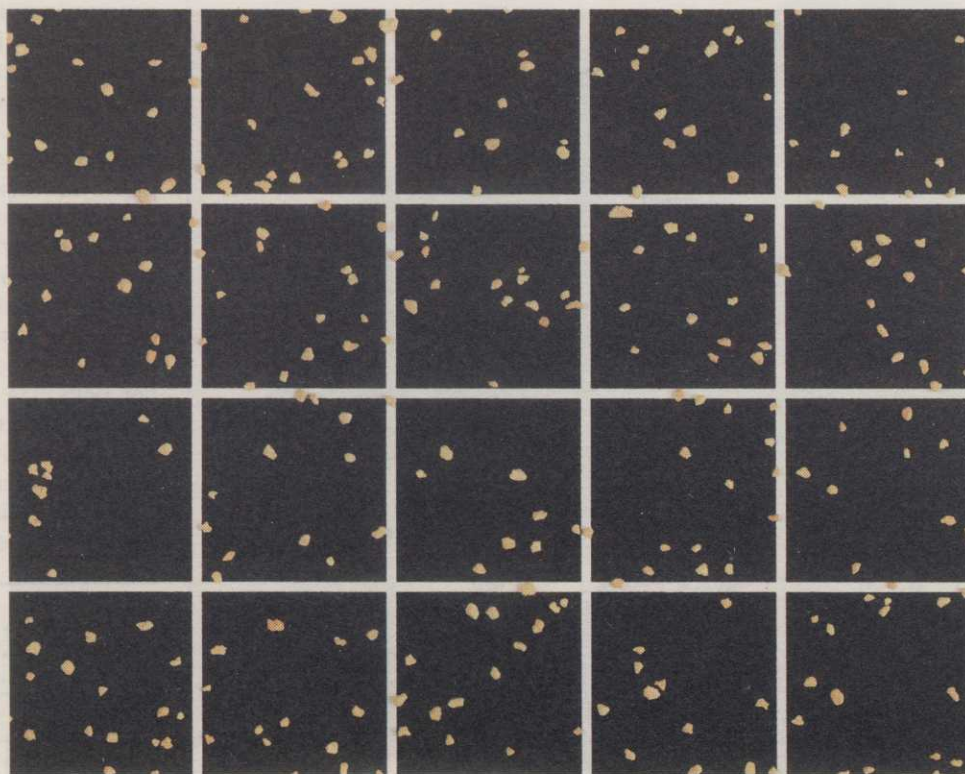
The two designers also collaborated on remodeling work at Harbour Town Golf Links, TPC at Sawgrass Valley Course and Amelia Island Plantation in Florida.

Weed then went on to design the TPC at Tampa Bay (site of Senior PGA Tour GTE Classic), TPC at River Highlands in Cromwell, Conn. (site of PGA Tour Canon Greater Hartford Open), TPC at Summerlin in Las Vegas (home of PGA Tour Las Vegas Invitational), the International TPC Mito, Japan, as well as new municipal facilities at the Golf Club of Miami and the Golf Club of Jacksonville.

Weed has worked with a number of PGA Tour player consultants, including Ray Floyd, Johnny Miller, Calvin Peete, Chi Chi Rodriguez and Fuzzy Zoeller. Weed's work has been heavily influenced by the naturalistic approach to design made famous by such architectural masters as Donald Ross, Alistair Mackenzie and A. W. Tillinghast.

Weed is also interested in the work of legendary architect Tom Simpson (Muirfield, Cruden Bay). A continued re-reading of classical architectural literature, Weed believes, is essential to recapturing the game's enduring traditions in the modern business environment.

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## Foster adds staff

The Keith Foster Golf Course Design firm has relocated its Western office to a Scottsdale address: David Druzisky, Western Associate, 6619 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, Ariz. 85250, 602-947-9915 (tele/fax).

In addition, added Robert McNeill, a graduate of Ohio State University with a master's degree in landscape architecture, to the St. Louis staff.

## Asian roundup

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continues at Phoenix Park in Seoul, South Korea.

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KAJANG, Malaysia — The first 18 holes here at Palm Garden Golf Club, a Robbins & Associates International design, are now open for play. Robbins was just awarded the contract for an additional nine at the Malaysian facility. Other Robbins projects in Asia-Pacific include:

- Sukaharja Golf Club in Tangerang, Indonesia, scheduled to open in early 1995.
- Cinta Sayang Golf Club in Kedah, Malaysia, where an additional nine holes are in the design phase.
- Industrial Oxygen's Swee Lam Estate in Malaysia, where Robbins will design 27 holes.
- And Hua Xian Resort in Guangdong Province, Peoples Republic of China, where design is ongoing.