

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**SOUTH BEND, Ind.** — 1995 Masters champion and golf course designer Ben Crenshaw and his partner Bill Coore appear to be the choices to build a new golf course for the University of Notre Dame. Notre Dame's current 18-hole golf course is in the process of being torn up to make way for new buildings. Notre Dame would like to build a new course on wetlands it owns northeast of the campus.

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.** — In an effort to rid its golf courses of cigarette and cigar butts that litter greens and tee boxes, Albuquerque has launched a "Don't Leave Your Butt on the Course" campaign. Four city courses are distributing free pocket ashtrays at their pro shops. Their heat-resistant interior allows smokers to put out cigarettes inside the ashtrays. The ashtrays fit in pockets and purses and are reusable for up to a month.

**PITTSBURGH** — Major renovations have revived the formerly rundown inner-city Schenley Park Golf Course, which is owned by the city and managed by a non-profit subsidiary of Carnegie-Mellon University. The 4,860-yard, par-67 course got a big boost from a new automated irrigation system. It also now has artificial tees that look and feel like grass (they had been rubber), and top-dressed greens that are showing new signs of life.

**MYRTLE BEACH, S.C.** — A truck driver was killed in May following a freak accident at a Myrtle Beach golf course under construction. William Brayboy of Turbeville died when a tree limb came through the cab of his dump truck and hit him in the throat, authorities said. Horry County Coroner Robert Edge said Brayboy was pronounced dead at the scene from internal injuries.



#### CUPP'S CROSSWATER GIVES SUNRIVER 54 HOLES

Sunriver Resort opened its third golf course June 17, adding the prodigious 7,693-yard Crosswater Golf Course. The new 18-hole track, designed by Bob Cupp and John Fought, joins North Woodlands Golf Course created by Robert Trent Jones Jr. and South Meadows Golf Course designed by Fred Federspiel. Situated on 605 acres in a valley criss-crossed by the Deschutes and Little Deschutes rivers, Crosswater is enveloped by wetland meadows and forests of ponderosa and lodge pole pine. Because it sits at 4,500-foot elevation, "Golfers can really hit the ball a long way," said Cupp. "In fact, they might feel like Superman when they walk off the course."

## Ocean Course sale delayed — again

**CHARLESTON, S.C.** — A problem involving ownership of a small piece of the Ocean Course led the federal bankruptcy court to adjourn June 12, without making a decision on the latest sale of the renowned Kiawah Island layout, site of the 1991 Ryder Cup.

Judge Falcon Hawkins ordered the Resolution Trust Corp. (RTC) to clear up the matter before he would rule on Virginia Investment Trust's (VIT) winning \$27,000,100 bid for the Pete Dye design.

"The RTC is moving to correct the situation," said RTC spokesman Mike Fulwider.

News sources have reported that

the controversy involves seven acres of land supposedly owned by Kiawah Resort Associates' President Charles Way, who developed most of the island's homes and the private River Run course currently under construction. Fulwider wouldn't speculate whether the ownership dispute would delay the closing on the golf course, which was scheduled to take place by mid-July.

VIT was the only qualified bidder for the Ocean Course at the May 19 auction conducted by the RTC. VIT owns Kiawah's other three resort courses. The RTC has controlled the Ocean Course since the original developer, Landmark Land Co., declared bankruptcy several years ago.

## College, course collaborate on long-term study

By MARK LESLIE

**LOUDONVILLE, N.Y.** — In what its collaborators call a "natural" and "exciting cooperative agreement," Siena College, Schuyler Meadows Golf Course and the Audubon Society of New York have agreed to long-term environmental studies that could answer many questions concerning the effect of course maintenance on the environment.

"It provides our industry an opportunity to make a valid contribution to the science end of the spectrum," said Peter Salinetti, general manager and superintendent at the private Schuyler Meadows club. "I think it will be very beneficial as far as putting our finger on what, in reality, the golf course is doing to the environment."

While a handful of universities are using their own golf courses as laboratories, this is believed to be the first case of a school collaborating with an outside golf facility in this manner.

Dr. Larry Woolbright, dean of the Science Division at Siena, said nine PhDs from biology, chemistry and environmental studies have signed up to participate in the program. Fifty faculty teach more than 700 majors in the Science Division. Now they will have an outdoor classroom immediately adjacent to their campus.

"Faculty and students will scientifically study the effects of management practices at the club," Woolbright said, "and measure their impact on the environment, on species diversity, water quality and chemistry. Then we can try to improve those practices to minimize their environmental impact and maximize the course grounds' ability to support and sustain a natural diversity, specifically endemic local species."

The study's four phases will include:

- A site map and habitat inventory,

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**Siena College study**

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defining what species are present and their level of diversity. This will be performed from 1995-97. "A golf course habitat could potentially attract a different species than if the land were not managed," Woolbright said. "One of our goals, then, is to increase native species of plants and wildlife."

• Long-term monitoring of populations and processes, like stream flow and chemistry, to determine the effects of management practices. "We need to look specifically at water chemistry changes during times of application. We will work very closely with Schuyler Meadows to time our studies with their management practices," Woolbright explained.

• Experimental manipulation, beginning in 1998. "Once we know everything that is there, where it is and how it reacts to management practices, we could recommend alternatives and methods we think would have a beneficial effect," Woolbright said. "And we would measure the effects of changes in those practices."

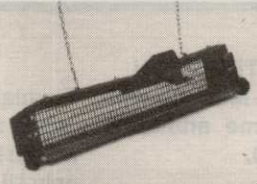
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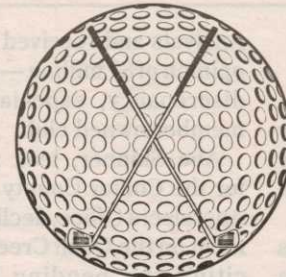
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Schuyler Meadows seems a perfect property for this type of study. It contains marshland, a creek, a pond, forest, forest edge and grassland. "It's a natural," Salinetti agreed. "We share the same woods and streams with Siena, and New York Audubon is nearby as well."

The Audubon's role will be communication, public relations, funding, dissemination of research results and, to some extent, providing interns to help with the study. Salinetti, whose club was one of the first members of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses, credited his members for supporting the proposition. "I think private clubs need to realize that you have a very strong obligation to your community and you need to be working toward fostering a good-neighbor relationship," he said. "We're trying to act responsibly. If we are doing something that is negatively impacting our environment, we will work to find a better solution."

"It's an exciting cooperative agreement," Woolbright said. "Historically, environmentalists and golf course people have not had as cooperative a relationship as they might. But, if you look at what's happening in this country and around the world, the remaining pristine natural areas ... are dwindling fast. If you look at most regions — particularly the Eastern Seaboard — golf courses are becoming more and more an important large fraction of the remaining semi-natural habitat available."

"So we need to start paying attention to these refuges ... rather than trying to rely on undisturbed natural areas as sanctuaries. I don't think the [dwindling] process is going to slow. But the golf courses are still going to be there. So how can we manage them so they can serve an improved function for maintenance of habitat and species?"