

BRIEFS



HILLS BREAKS GROUND IN MICH.

SOUTH HAVEN, Mich. — HawksHead Golf Club, an 18-hole Arthur Hills design here, has broken ground. The upscale daily-reservation course will play through a sandy, treeless landscape replete with scrub growth and unkempt dunes. HawksHead is scheduled to open next summer.

ZOELLER, JOHNSTON COLLABORATE

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — Chestnut Hills, an upscale daily-fee golf course here, has opened as the fourth design collaboration between course architect Clyde Johnston and design consultant Fuzzy Zoeller. The par-72 course plays 6,996 yards from the back tees and tracks across creeks and through an expanse of rolling Indiana farmland. Johnston and Zoeller used native grasses to frame the golf course and integrate it with the surrounding natural landscape.



Fuzzy Zoeller

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GOLFERS UNITE TO BUILD IN MAINE

BELGRADE LAKES, Maine — A group of golfers has formed a partnership and pooled \$4.5 million to build a top-level semi-private golf course here. General partner Pat Donahue, a real-estate developer from Portland, said the 18-hole track will meander over a 237-acre site in this village. Many holes on the undulating, sometimes steep, wooded site will have views of the Belgrade Lakes, he said. Plans are to get necessary permitting completed in time to begin construction in the late summer of 1996 and open the facility in 1998.

WALTER WOODS JOINS ELS

PALM DESERT, Calif. — Ernie Els and Clive Clark have appointed Walter Woods to Els Clark Design, as their specialist consultant on links-style golf courses. Woods is recognized for his expertise in this area, having looked after The Old Course at St. Andrews — as well as The New, The Jubilee and The Eden courses — for 21 years. Clark said: "Both Ernie and I have played a good deal of golf in tournaments in Scotland and we like many of the qualities offered to golfers by Scottish links. We feel that Walter Woods' experience will be a great asset to Els Clark Design."



Walter Woods

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From the Golan to the Gulf, Israelis await golf

By MARK LESLIE

GADOT, Israel — From the Golan Heights to the Gulf of Aqaba, there has been only one golf course in Israel. Until now...

With expertise from the likes of South African pro-designer Gary Player and American designer-builder Perry Dye, Israelis and tourists to this country are about to have the world of golf opened up to them.

And it appears that with approval for five new golf courses from the government and support from the Jewish financial community in New York, Israeli kibbutzim looking for more profit centers may also join the picture. Already:

- In Elat — on the shores of the Gulf of Aqaba and the Jordan River — several courses are being planned as part of a destination resort area located partly in Israel and partly in Jordan. A popular tourist spot, Elat is a free-trade zone with no taxes.

- Gary Player Design Co., led by Phil Jacobs of the South African office, is designing one layout in the Elat complex, while another client is looking



The first tee at Israel's only golf course, The Caesaria Golf Club, a private 18-hole facility that opened in 1961.

for property for an inland course east of the Gaza Strip.

- Kibbutz Gadot, located just above the Sea of Galilee on the Jordan River — barely 200 to 300 yards from the original Syrian border before Israel

won the Golan Heights — has hired Dye and American golf course consultant Jim McLoughlin to work on a course as part of "a large-scale tourist project," including two vacation

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It's do or Dye at Black Bear

By MARK LESLIE

EUSTIS, Fla. — Eighty-foot backdrops in central Florida? Features reminiscent of PGA West making a statement of character? A 19th "Shootout Hole" (lighted, no less) to break ties, or offer up a challenge after a round of golf? Yes, and more, says majority owner and general partner Richard Stein of his Black Bear Golf Club.

"We wanted a fun course, sort of a PGA West on the East Coast," Stein said. "And we wanted a golfers' club, not a country club. Golf alone. That's what we've got."

To get his wish, Stein hired P.B. Dye — son of PGA West architect Pete — to design the 18-hole semi-private track. Then he brought in John Reger, PGA president for North Florida, as director of golf and Dan Fore of the Medalist Club as superintendent.

The result opens for play Nov. 1 and hosts a tournament less than a week later. Golfers will be tested by sandy waste bunkers, undulating greens and dramatic fairway elevation changes on a track measuring 5,100- to 7,000 yards over five sets of tees. Dye, now partner-owner, moved 500,000 cubic yards of earth to create soft rolls on the 164-acre site — a chore made easy since the former citrus grove boasts sugar sand 60 feet deep.

Two bodies of water add punch to the challenge, including a 10th hole that is circled

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P.B. Dye operates a bulldozer on his new design, Heritage Club, in Mason, Ohio.

P.B. filling his own Dye-ary

P.B. Dye, 40, is the brother of designer Perry Dye and youngest son of Pete and Alice Dye, the most famous golf course design duo on the planet. A scratch golfer, P.B. [Paul Burke] admits to learning most of what he knows about course design from his parents. He assisted Pete with highly touted Long Cove Club (1982) on Hilton Head Island, S.C., and the Honors Course (1983) in Chattanooga, Tenn. He has designed numerous courses on his own, including Black Bear Golf Club near Orlando, which will open in November, and the new nine at Urbana (Ohio) Country Club, which his grandfather originally designed in 1929.

Golf Course News: Is there



anything that distinguishes a P.B. Dye design from other courses?

P.B. Dye: I want something that is highly playable, but not necessarily easy. I was playing with a guy on one of my courses and he said, 'You know, this course has VD. It's visually disturbing.' I like that. My father and I like to visually disturb people. Our courses may look hard, but they don't really play hard. I want to make a course as hard

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PGA + Fazio = Golf Club at The Reserve

By MARK LESLIE

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — Fraternal twins, born together but very different in look and style. That's how Tom Fazio views the two courses he has designed here at the PGA Golf Club at The Reserve, which will become home to the pros and open to the public when it opens this winter.

The North and South courses represent "a vast difference in styles and looks," said Fazio. "I think if you took a consensus of golfers after they played the two, you'd get a split vote on which is best."

Comparisons will come soon enough. The North Course is slated to open in December and the South Course a couple of months later.

Their openings delayed at least two months by a series of drenching hurricanes and storms, the courses are "the fruition of a lifetime dream for the PGA to own a golf club our members can call their home," said PGA of America Chief Executive Officer Jim Awtry. With a cap of \$49 set on the greens fee and car during high season, the tracks fulfill the association's mission "to make world-class golf open and affordable to the public," he added.

A learning center is also planned and a third 18-hole

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