

GCBAAs a 'force' with all major builders aboard

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Nearly all the country's full-time golf course contractors now belong to the Golf Course Builders Association of America (GCBAAs), and Executive Director Phil Arnold believes that is largely due to the certification program.

"I think the association represents at least 95 percent of all the serious full-time golf course builders in the country," Arnold said. Whereas few of the firms belonged when Arnold took the reins five years ago, "now we have the lead dogs in the golf course construction industry," he said.

Arnold takes no bows for the growth, reflecting the credit to the GCBAAs accreditation program.

The certification program, he said, "is becoming the standard by which builders are judged, and it's becoming a requirement. Some municipalities have required that in order to bid on a project a company must be a certified golf course builder.

Of the GCBAAs 149 members, 18 are U.S. builders, five foreign builders and 99 associates. Arnold said 27 companies have met all the requirements for certification for 1995. They are:

Atlantic Golf Course Construction Ltd. (Larry Brown), Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada.; G.A. Blocker Grading Contractor (Matthew Blocker), Oswego, Ill.; Brigrance Contractors, of Oxford, Miss.; Buky Golf (Bob Buky), Mt. Washington, Ky.; Central Florida Turf (Jeff Harstine), Avon Park, Fla.

Also, Paul Clute & Associates (Paul Clute), Hartland, Mich.; Daylen, Inc., of Fresno, Calif.; Dye Construction of California (Neal Iverson), Denver, Colo.; Eighteen Construction (Steve Harden), Jacksonville, Fla.; Environmental Golf (S. Gene Giannulli), Santa Ana, Calif.; Fairway Construction (Glen Gosch), Temecula, Calif.

Also, G.C.R.I. (John Salyers), Ft. Pierce, Fla.; Golf Course Construction (Glenn Caverly), New Hudson, Mich.; Golf Development Construction (Clarke Fenimore), Louisville, Ky.; Golf Works (Frank Hutchinson), Austin, Texas; Greenscape Ltd. (Dan Garson), Palo Alto, Calif.

Guettler & Sons (Philip Guettler), Ft. Pierce, Fla.; Holmes & Company of Orlando (James Holmes), Eatonton, Ga.; Kenova Construction Corporation (Gary Paumen), W. Palm Beach, Fla.; Landscapes Unlimited (Bill Kubly), Lincoln, Neb.; McDonald & Sons (John A. McDonald, Sr.) Jessup, Md.; Midwest Golf Development, of Cable, Ohio

Moore Golf (David Canavan), Culpepper, Va.; Prince Contracting

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American designers still drive Asia-Pacific market

OBIHIRO, Hokkaido, Japan — After seven years of grueling permitting to meet local and federal regulations, the 36-hole Kamishihoro Kogen Golf Club is nearing completion.

"They're grassing part of the first 18 now, and the entire 36 holes should be completed by the fall of 1996 and open for play in summer of 1997," said course architect **Robert C. Walker** of Atlantic Beach, Fla.

The 36-hole resort course is being developed by **Seibu Co.**, owner of the Prince Hotel chain. "It is more of a stand-alone facility than others Seibu has done," Walker said.

The Kamishihoro Kogen Golf Club project was signed back in 1987, but it took seven years to obtain the permits for construction, Walker said. Causing major difficulty in routing the courses is a regulation that requires a 20-meter-wide corridor of native vegetation and buffers between golf holes as well as property lines.

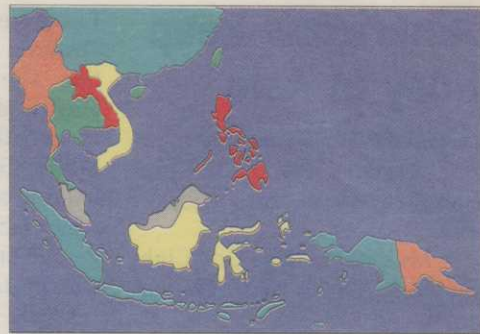
SILANG, the Philippines — **Bernhard Langer** and **Fred Couples** have agreed

to design their first signature golf course projects in The Philippines. The German and American stars will each design a course here at a new 36-hole residential community in this Manila suburb, under agreements with AFP Retirement and Separation Benefits System of the Philippines (AFPRSBS).

International Management Design (IMD), a division of Cleveland-based International Management Group, will provide land-use planning, technical and design support for **Couples** and **Langer**, as well as general marketing support.

HANOI, Vietnam — **The Daewoo Corp.** continues to emerge as one of this country's most influential foreign investors, and it has paid dividends in the development of Van Tri Marsh Golf Resort.

Premier Kiet decreed in July that rice fields could no longer be converted to non-agricultural use. Shortly thereafter, the Korean conglomerate Daewoo received a controversial exemption to build



the 18-hole Van Tri Marsh just outside the city limits.

The course design and routing have been finalized, according to architect **Gary Roger Baird** of Nashville, Tenn. Construction should begin sometime in October, as the rainy season subsides. The group is pointing toward a 1997 opening.

With US\$500 million already committed to Vietnam, Daewoo is the country's largest South Korean investor, according to *Business News Indochina*. Likewise, Daewoo has committed more funds to Vietnam than any other country in Southeast Asia. Yet the Vietnamese are protective of their rice production, and some object to paddies-turned-golf courses citing the expense and the game's appeal to largely foreign playing populations.

"I'm hopeful that some of the projects we've created will improve the environmental situations," said Baird, who has collaborated with Daewoo on other projects in China and South Korea. "It was basically very flat, marshy land. Some of the paddies we've dealt with were pretty stagnant.

"Many times these big corporations do their work, reap their profit and leave. The people at Daewoo are very, very concerned that their efforts, their investments have a spill down effect to the lower-income in Vietnam."

TOKYO — **Dye Designs International Inc.** has been extremely active in the past year on the Japanese golf scene.

The Denver, Colo., USA-based firm has opened five courses in the past 12 months, according to **O'Brien McGarey**, Dye Designs director of business development. Two are in Tokyo, two in Hokkaido and one in the Nagoya area of Mie Prefecture.

Following are the clubs, their locations and opening dates:

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TPC GOES INTERNATIONAL

The International Tournament Players Club in Mito, Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan, designed by then-PGA Tour architect **Bobby Weed**, is ready for play and will be opened next May. It contains all cool-season grasses, which is unique for central Japan. Many of its holes resemble Pine Valley in New Jersey.

111-year-old Ryan Central a charter member

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — The Golf Course Builders Association of America (GCBAAs), headquartered here, has welcomed Ryan Inc. Central as a new Charter Member.

Charter members of the GCBAAs are those members who have a special interest in the continuing success and growth of the GCBAAs, and who have expressed their support by making a one-time minimum contribution of \$5,000 above and beyond their annual membership dues.

A fourth-generation family construction company, Ryan Inc. Central is an outgrowth of an earth-moving company founded by **Patrick W. Ryan** in 1884.

Twenty-five years ago, the company expanded into golf course construction.

Today, Ryan Inc. Central performs all aspects of golf course construction work, from initial clearing and mass excavation, through irrigation and grassing.

Headed up by President **Patrick Ryan** (great-great-grandson of the original founder) and now based in Janesville, Wis., Ryan Inc. Central also has branch offices in Elgin, Ill. and Ijamsville, Md.

Adam Ryan, vice president based in Elgin, lists site development for subdivisions, landfills, and golf courses as three common examples of the many types of projects that Ryan Inc. takes on.

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Nelson Wright Haworth promote 2 in Pacific Rim

HONOLULU, Hawaii — The golf course architectural design firm **Nelson • Wright • Haworth (NWH)** has promoted project managers **Mark Miller** and **Brett Mogg** to the positions of vice president and director, respectively.

Miller, who has been with NWH in Honolulu since 1989 as a project manager, was responsible for the soon-to-open Royal Kunia Country Club on Oahu.

His most recent project is the newly opened Shenzhen Xili Golf Course (a mere 60-minute drive from the center of Hong Kong), the firm's first course of many scheduled to open in China.

Mogg, who divides his time between Singapore and Sydney, Australia, joined NWH in 1989 as a project manager.

Mogg's responsibilities include the 18-hole Guangzhou International Country Club in Guangzhou, China, which is scheduled to open in early 1996.

Americans keep busy in Asia

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- Sapporo Bay Golf Club; Sapporo, Hokkaido; August 1995.
- Musashino Mori Golf Club; Saitama, Tokyo area; August 1995.
- Alpen Bibai Golf Club; Bibai, Hokkaido; June 1995.
- Kumozugawa Course; Mie Prefecture, Nagoya area; May 1995.
- Maple Point Golf Club; Yamanashi Prefecture; November 1994.

McGarey was particularly intrigued by Kumozugawa, which translates to Third Place Club. The name, he said, refers to a golf club's position in a person's life.

"First is family, second is business and third is the club," McGarey said.

McGarey said the company is involved, to varying degrees, with roughly 18 proposed projects throughout the Asia-Pacific region. Of those, probably six to eight will eventually be built, he added.

ZHUHAI, China — The golf course construction explosion on mainland China continues — in no small part with the help of Saratoga, Calif.-based **J. Michael Poellot Golf Design Group (JMP)**.

The next JMP course to be unveiled in China is Lakewood Golf and Country Club near Zhuhai, easily accessible from Hong Kong and less than 30 minutes from Macau.

Also under construction are Evergreen Golf and Country Club north of Shanghai and Long Island Golf and Country Club at Chang An, 30 minutes north of Shenzhen in Dongguan Province.

Yantai Golf and Country Club in Yantai, overlooking the Yellow Sea, will begin construction in early 1996, and design plans are being drawn for Beijing Golf Club — the oldest course in the Beijing area plans to expand to 36 holes.

Meanwhile, the first — and last — "Royal" country club in Cambodia will be JMP-designed Royal Cambodia Country Club in the capital city of Phnom Penh. A joint venture between a Singaporean and Cambodian development consortium, it started construction during the summer.

SAIPAN — Rounding out a compelling array of golf courses on this little island, a Bay Area development company has hired architect **Jay Morrish** of Flower Mound, Texas, to design a golf course here that will boast 12 holes on the ocean.

"This property has four miles of beach front as pretty or prettier than Pebble Beach," said Morrish. "In some spots, it drops 150 feet to ocean."

Saipan already sports courses designed by **Greg Norman** and

Larry Nelson, while another by **Graham Marsh** nears completion. The developer, **Haas and Haynie** of San Francisco, expects to eventually build 36 holes, Morrish said, adding that a new hotel is also anticipated for the resort facility. The time frame to get the project approved and under construction is unknown.

Of the 12 holes on the ocean, Morrish said: "That's probably too much of a good thing. But I figure if a golfer flies all that way from Japan or Hawaii, you might as well give them a chance."

HIROSHIMA PREFECTURE,

Japan — What is believed to be the first daily-fee course in the Hiroshima region is scheduled to open next year.

The US\$65 million Hiroshima Airport Golf Course was originally slated to be a private club serving the US\$300 million airport village complex. But the prefectural government recently took over the project when private investors withdrew.

Hiroshima general assembly speaker Toshihiro Hiyama and supporters decided the course should become the first daily-fee operation in the area, ide-

ally providing a model for others to follow. He estimates green fees will be approximately US\$300.

The course was roughly half finished when the government asked American architect **Lester George** of Richmond, Va., to visit the site in June and make recommendations on the design, playability, conceptual philosophy, operational concept, structures and marketing. This will be George's first international course.

"Over 50 percent of the 3 million cubic yards of earth moving was complete when I arrived,"

George said. "I was amazed at the quality of the work on such a rugged site."

George provided the government with a report of his findings and recommended changes. He returned to Hiroshima in mid-August with several consultants to continue work on the project. Among them were **Bill Atwood** of William Harrison Atwood, Architects in Charlottesville, Va., who will be clubhouse architect and **John Mason** of Fairway Management Ltd., in Hamilton, Bermuda, who will act as the operations and management consultant.

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