

## Higher is better at Mountain Air

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Located 35 minutes northeast of Asheville, the development will include a range of condominiums from \$140,000 and homes from \$500,000 — revenues of which will drive a possible third nine holes. "We're fairly certain it eventually will be a 27-hole complex," Banks said. The 6,425-yard, par-71 golf course is the product of architect Scott Pool, a former Pete Dye pupil, who performed much of the design work in the field, climbing atop a bulldozer to sculpt the 18 holes from rocky mountainsides.

"This golf course is the result of Scott's artistry, vision and complete hands-on approach to the challenge," Banks said. "Building 18 holes across this kind of topography takes constant supervision from the architect. We're thrilled with the results."

"Now, we've breathed a sigh of relief," Banks added, saying the course and swimming and tennis complexes are complete and the new \$1.4 million clubhouse will be finished later this year.

"Then everything's done except building homes," he said. "The market seems to be responding very well."

Banks well knows the drill. He was involved from 1975-80 with Winter Green, which operates one mountaintop course. After working with the head golf pro at Shipyard Plantation on Hilton Head in 1982-83, he joined Gulfstream Development Corp. of Florida, overseeing completion of the condominium complex at Palmetto Bay Club on Hilton Head.

Pool previously worked for Dye for 12 years, on such projects as the Ocean Course at Kiawah Island, Blackwolf Run in Kohler, Wis., and the Honors Course in Chattanooga, Tenn. Pool designs include Legend Oaks in Summerville, S.C., and Kiva Dunes in Gulf Shores, Ala., with Jerry Pate.

## Forbes in China

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from 4,600 to 6,220 meters.

A local earth-moving company is building the courses, but "almost all the detailed 'finish' work is being done by hand," Forbes said.

Meanwhile, in the United States, Forbes and colleague Ron Forse are designing a new nine holes at Methodist College in Fayetteville, N.C. The school, whose men's golf team has won several Division III national titles in recent years, owns an existing nine-hole facility. Situated along Cape Fear River on campus, the property features rolling terrain with "a hint of sand hills," Forbes said.

GOLF COURSE NEWS

## Builders association adds new members to board of directors

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — The Golf Course Builders Association of America has announced the election of new members to its board of directors. These newly elected directors are now serving their first, two-year term: Mike Harrington of Harco Fittings and Gary Paumen of Kenova Construction Corp.

Current officers of the GCBAA are President Jim Kirchdorfer of Irrigation Supply Co., Vice President Paul Eldredge of Wadsworth Golf Construction, Secretary Bill Kubly of Landscapes

Unlimited, Inc., and Treasurer Jeff Gredvig of John Deere Co.

Other directors serving on the board are Larry Brown of Atlantic Golf Construction, Dave Canavan of Moore Golf, Paul Clute of Paul Clute & Associates, Rick Elyea of The Scotts Co., Christine Faulks of Greensmix, S. Gene Giannulli of Environmental Golf, Jeff Harstine of Central Florida Turf, Doyle Jacklin of Jacklin Seed Co., John McDonald of McDonald & Sons, O'Brien McGarey of Dye Designs

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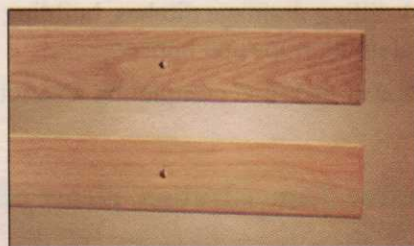
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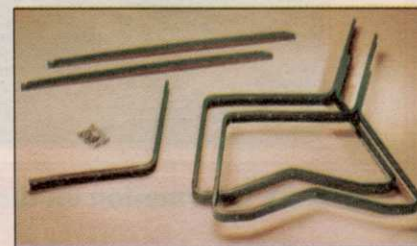
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