

IN BRIEF

ATKINSON, N.H. — The new nine-hole Atkinson Country Club & Resort recently opened for play in southern New Hampshire near the Massachusetts border. Atkinson is a full-sized, nine-hole public layout. The course features two par-3s, both of which measure more than 200 yards from the back tees. The course is owned by Peter Lewis. The superintendent is Jay Wood.

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FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Fort Collins has become one of the few municipalities to ban metal spikes on golf shoes. The city's public courses have permanently banned the metal spiked shoes in hopes of keeping better-quality putting greens and other surroundings. Fort Collins is believed to be the first city in Colorado to ban metal spikes.

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LOGAN, Utah — The city is turning over management of the 18-hole Logan River Golf Course to Links Management of Salt Lake City in hopes of increasing play and making more money. The city has signed a one-year contract with Links Management, which took over operations in early July. Links, which has its offices at Eaglewood Golf Course in North Salt Lake, also manages Entrada Golf Course in St. George. Links is a subsidiary of Forsgren Associates Engineering, which helped design the Logan River course.

Rolling Greens photo/Ken May



Muni project breathes life

The 1st hole at Keith Foster-designed Buffalo Run, a municipal project in Commerce City, Colo.

By MARK LESLIE

COMMERCE CITY, Colo. — Foreseeing a renaissance of sorts in their community, Commerce City officials are looking forward to Aug. 9, when Buffalo Run, their municipal golf course and residential development, opens on the north end of town.

Commerce City was stagnating, having had no new development in the past five years. To capitalize, in part, on the new Denver International Airport, and with "a vision for the community," city leaders decided to build the course and create housing, said course architect Keith Foster. "The course is

the hub of the community."

The property contains several buffalo hollows. A windy site whose soil is blow sand, it has a links-like feel to it, he said. "The inspiration for the design was British Isles. It is a wide-open course that captures the wonderful dimensions of scale on this piece of ground. It has an elevation of 5,600 feet above sea level. You can see forever and the course has that feel to it. The bunkering is very dramatic and cut into the ground."

With a goal toward flexibility, Foster — who will speak at the *Golf Course News*-sponsored Public Golf Forum Oct. 27-29, in Chicago — designed five sets

of tees that allow the course to play from 4,800 to 7,500 yards. Ironically, it sports both the second-longest (from the back tees) and fourth-shortest course (from the front tees) in Colorado. The track will boast bentgrass greens, bluegrass-ryegrass tees and fairways, and fescue blends in the roughs. Framing the track, the outer rough consists of native grasses — buffaloes, switch grasses and Indian grasses.

Neibur Golf of Colorado Springs built the course and Bill Zmistowski designed the clubhouse, which "feels like an old homestead," Foster said. A pavilion, cart barn and maintenance facilities are all part of the same compound, like a homestead.

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Meanwhile, Foster is finishing his touches on the private Washington Golf Club outside Kent, Wash.

Nine holes will open for members later this summer and the entire 18 will open next spring, he said.

"I've been involved in a lot of projects," Foster said, "but the site at Washington Golf Club is stunning. Mt. Rainier looks down on it. The tree cover is incredible. The terrain is perfectly suited for golf.

"We're trying to reflect the design philosophy of classic architecture," he said. "The bunker styling is reminiscent of San Francisco Golf Club. It has classic box tees; smaller, subtle green surfaces; very wide and accommodating fairways... We have a client [Scott Sasaki of Alaska] who has created a

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behaved the night before and we had mild weather, but I can imagine the result under extreme conditions.

This waste-water recycling plant is truly incredible. It was developed in the late 1920s and updated over the years. The plant cleans as much as 250 million gallons of wastewater per day and pumps it back into Lake Michigan. As a by-product of the wastewater treatment, Milorganite is actually micro-organisms which are systematically injected into the process. It sounds confusing, but you can call Al Ness or Terry Ward (414-225-3395) for a more thorough explanation.

I came away asking myself why every major metro area isn't doing what the MMSD has been doing for 70 years.

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As you may notice, this issue of *Golf Course News* is quite hefty for a summer edition. Past years have seen smaller issues during the summer months, but the in-

dustry trend in marketing is changing. Suppliers to the industry are advertising, marketing and selling products year round. As an example, the 1995 August issue of *Golf Course News* had 38 advertising pages, and this year we have more than 65 ad pages. The remainder of the year looks strong not only for *Golf Course News* but for the industry.

It only makes sense! The latest NGF figures show 188 courses have opened through July 22. As the summer and fall are the busiest months for course openings, we're right on target for 400-plus in 1996.

While growth in course construction continues, let's all remember that player participation is flat. We can all lend a hand to encourage new players to take up the game and stick with it.

I hope you are enjoying *Golf Course News* as much as ever. These larger issues allow more editorial coverage and more news for you. Please contact me with any questions or comments.

Foster projects

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parkland setting. They cleared the trees and underbrush between holes. You feel like you're playing on a natural parkland that has been there for many years.

"It is a very serene, tranquil environment."

Scrutinizing some of the great West Coast courses, Foster said, "we saw that each has towering trees, wonderful strategy, beautiful scale and a softness to the ground. When we went through Washington Golf Club, we felt there were similarities and started working off that. It is a tribute to early, classic American architecture and their sites."

Course builder Fore Inc. is con-

structing "wonderful stone walls reminiscent of Baltusrol," Foster said. Forty to 50 homesites are planned on the property.

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In other Foster news, Zion Park District, located directly north of Chicago, has retained Keith Foster Golf Course Design to design its upscale municipal golf course.

Design work will begin immediately and construction is expected to begin in early 1997.

Foster has also been selected to study St. Clair Country Club in Belleville, Ill., and give recommendations to restore both nines to the original design intent, (circa 1911), while also incorporating newer design elements where needed.

Calendar of Events

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30 — GCSAA Seminar on Maximizing Turfgrass Disease Control in New Seabury, Mass. *

31 — GCSAA Seminar on Wildlife Management and Habitat Conservation in New Seabury, Mass. *

November

5 — GCSAA Seminar on Maximizing Job Satisfaction in St. Louis. *

6 — GCSAA Seminar on Developing Your Hazard Communication Program in Wichita, Kan. *

7 — GCSAA Seminar on Drainage Systems in New Brunswick, N.J. *

7-8 — GCSAA Seminar on Managerial Productivity in Boise, Idaho. *

8 — GCSAA Seminar on Design and Construction of Chemical Storage Buildings in Dayton, Ohio. *

8 — GCSAA Seminar on Preventive Maintenance of Turf Equipment in Southfield, Mich. *

11 — GCSAA Seminar on Turfgrass Stress Management in Myrtle Beach, S.C. *

11 — GCSAA Seminar on Calibration and Safety of Pesticide Application Equipment in Myrtle Beach, S.C. *

11 — GCSAA Seminar on Preventive Maintenance of Turf Equipment in Rhinelander, Wis. *

12 — GCSAA Seminar on Drainage Systems in Rochester, N.Y. *

12-14 — Kentucky Turfgrass Council Conference and Trade Show in Lexington, Ky. Contact 606-622-2228.

12-15 — Turf and Grounds Exposition in Rochester, N.Y. Contact NYSTA at 800-873-TURF.

13-14 — GCSAA Seminar on Preconstruction and Construction Management in Bolton, Mass. *

13-14 — GCSAA Seminar on Spanish for Golf Course Management in Temecula, Calif. *

14-15 — GCSAA Seminar on Writing IPM and Environmental Monitoring Programs in Salt Lake City, Utah. *

18-19 — GCSAA Seminar on Golf Course Restoration, Renovation and Construction Projects in Cleveland. *

18-19 — GCSAA Seminar on Plant Nutrition and Fertilizers in Long Island, N.Y. *

19-21 — Turfgrass and Ornamental Seminar in Lafayette, Ind. Contact Bev Bratton at 317-494-8039.

20-21 — GCSAA Seminar on Public Relations and Presentation Skills, scheduled to be held in

Guelph, Ontario, Canada. *

21 — GCSAA Seminar on Developing Your Hazard Communication Program in Tarrytown, N.Y. *

December

2-3 — GCSAA Seminar on Basic Principles of Turfgrass Management in Albuquerque, N.M. *

3 — GCSAA Seminar on Reel Mowers and Grinding Methods in Bolton, Mass. *

4-5 — Rhode Island Turfgrass Show & Conference in Providence.

4-6 — Rocky Mountain Turf Conference in Denver. Contact Julia Marie at 719-489-3222.

3-4 — GCSAA Seminar on Golf Greens: History, Theory, Construction and Maintenance in Albuquerque, N.M. *

5 — GCSAA Seminar on The Superintendent as Grow-in Manager in Gainesville, Fla. *

6 — GCSAA Seminar on Practical Tree Management in Des Moines, Iowa *

9 — GCSAA Seminar on Human Resource Management in Atlantic City, N.J. *

10 — GCSAA Seminar on Irrigation Scheduling Techniques in Columbia, Mo. *

10-11 — GCSAA Seminar on Design, Renovation and Construction for IPM, Elliott City, Md. *

10-13 — Ohio Turfgrass Foundation Regional Conference and Show in Columbus. Contact 614-261-6750.

11 — GCSAA Seminar on Human Resource Management in Lincoln, Neb. *

12 — GCSAA Seminar on Maximizing Turfgrass Disease Control in Jacksonville, Fla. *

12-13 — GCSAA Seminar on Golf Course Restoration, Renovation and Construction Projects in Harrisburg, Pa. *

16-17 — GCSAA Seminar on Golf Greens: History, Theory, Construction and Maintenance in Milwaukee. *

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January

20-22 — 37th Virginia Turf and Landscape Conference and Trade Show in Richmond, Va. Contact Dixie McClenahan at 540-942-8873.

February

6-12 — GCSAA International Conference and Show in Las Vegas. *

28-Mar. 2 — West Michigan Golf Show in Grand Rapids. Contact 616-247-1931.

* For more information contact the GCSAA Education Office at 800-472-7878.

Public Golf Forum

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is sponsoring the Public Golf Forum," added von Brecht. "It's the only national golf conference that draws the entire buying team from public-access golf courses — the manager, owner, and superintendent. With educational program tracks dedicated to management, marketing, maintenance and development, the Forum will attract each member of this highly qualified buying team by meeting their educational needs."

Vendors who exhibit at the Forum will also appreciate the hotel-type conference for its ease of set up. "There will be 10 hours of exhibit time — plus vendors will receive a seminar package to attend sessions when exhibits are not open," noted von Brecht. "This makes exhibiting easy and cost effective."

Interested vendors should contact the Public Golf Forum Exhibit Sales Manager Mike Lafaso, at (800) 441-6982 or fax (207) 846-0657.

Nicklaus track getting underway

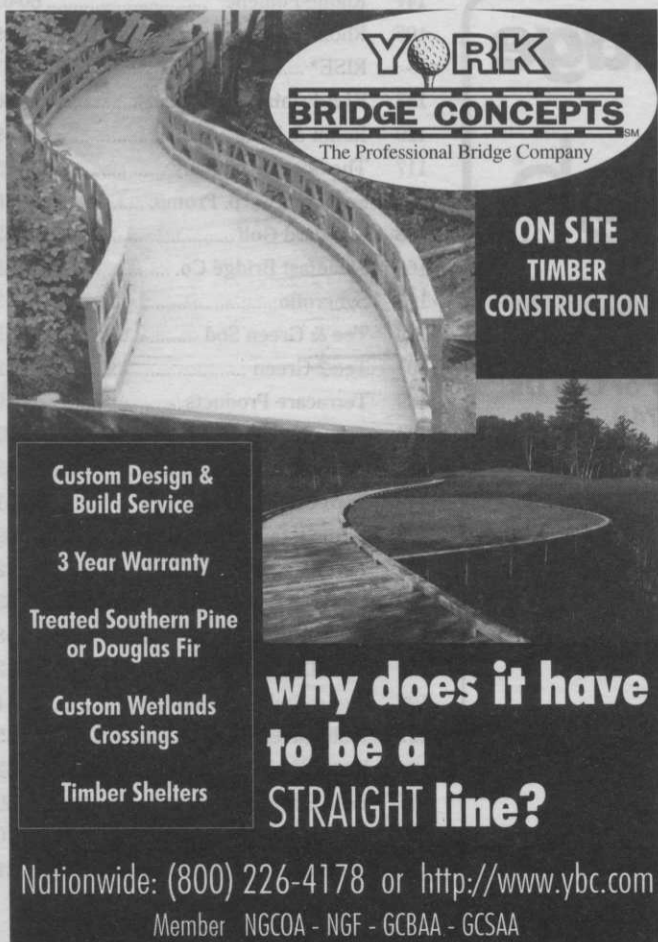
PALM COAST, Fla. — Grand Haven officials are hoping to break ground for the Jack Nicklaus Signature 18-hole course sometime in August.

The golf course is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 1997. The course will reportedly be a semi-private layout that will not have condominiums and other housing lining the fairways, according to John Gann, senior vice-president of sales at Lowe/Palm Coast Inc., which recently purchased Palm Coast golf courses Pine Lakes, Cypress Knoll, Matanzas Woods and Palm Harbor.

Lowe/Palm Coast Inc., purchased the Grand Haven layout from 700 acres of IIT property bordering the Intracoastal Waterway and several holes are expected to extend to the waterway.

Development book offered

A free booklet, *Golf Course Development Planning Guide*, from the American Society of Golf Course Architects (ASGCA) is available to help anyone taking the first steps to develop a new golf course. The 16-page brochure covers the key components involved in a new course project. It provides data on the growing consumer demand for new golf facilities, the average cost of a new course, proper site selection, a guide to finding assistance, financing and sample operating projections for a daily fee course. To obtain a free copy, send a self-addressed, stamped business-size envelope to the ASGCA, 221 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill. 60601.



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