

Doak's Renaissance begins work on Quail Crossing

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Tom Doak and Renaissance Golf Design have broken ground on an 18-hole daily-fee course here.

Quail Crossing is part of a new residential community now under construction. The developer and contractor is Kilmer's Inc., based in Ann Arbor, Mich., and the course will be managed by Craig and Mamie Wood of Indianapolis, who originally optioned the property. Despite 10 inches of April showers, work is proceeding toward a summer grassing date, with projected opening early in 1997.

The routing and land plan were both

designed by Renaissance, which is also providing the shaping of greens and bunkers. The final plan for the 310-acre property calls for a par-71 course of just more than 6,700 yards, overlooked by 175 housing lots, 85 percent of which have golf course frontage.

The course is styled in imitation of Shinnecock Hills, with fairway bunkers framed by little bluestem and other prairie grasses, selected in conjunction with Quail Unlimited to provide suitable habitat for the birds after which the course is named.

An old coal-mining spoils area near the

center of the property has been used for portions of five holes on the front nine, turning a negative for the development into a positive for the golf. This allows the course to reap the benefits of a central "core" without housing intrusion. Care was taken to preserve trees and add native grasses to make these holes feel like part of the course.

The abrupt elevation changes add drama at the par-4 7th, with a second shot through a notch between spoil piles, and at the tiny par-3 8th, with a 40-foot drop to a narrow green.

New tandem: Wogan and Sargent

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good combination."

Wogan, whose father Eugene "Skip" Wogan worked with Donald Ross as an assistant pro and architect, has designed more than 60 golf courses since 1956. Sargent holds a turfgrass management degree from the University of Massachusetts, was a superintendent for 11 years, owned a golf course and operates G.F. Sargent, Inc., a construction firm in Franklin. Sargent, Inc. installed irrigation in a number of golf courses designed by Cornish and Silva, and he has worked with Wogan as a project manager the past five years.

North Conway Country Club was designed by Phil," Sargent said, "and I never realized until years later that I would be working with him."

Sargent started building entire courses

in 1988, beginning with Cornish's Caswell Valley in Pembroke, N.H. His first working relationship with Wogan was in 1990 at John H. Cain Golf Club in Newport, N.H., as project manager for the club membership. "My company was under contract to do the irrigation, finish work and shaping of the course as well as managing all the other intricacies of the job," he said.

Asked what Sargent brings to the new company, Wogan said: "George has a lot of savvy in construction technology, the costs and management and developing various golf features. Plus, he has his own golf course construction company. And he is a good golfer."

The strength of their tandem, Sargent said, is "construction knowledge. Obviously, my golf course superintendent background is important, too. We bounce

things off each other about the design of the hole and the challenges and intrigue of the hole as well as maintenance, which is very important. I think our work will show this is a good combination."

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Wogan & Sargent, Inc. has a half dozen projects in the works, including:

- The 18-hole public Lochmere (N.H.) Golf & Country Club, of which 10 holes are complete and the other eight yet to be built.
- The 18-hole public Stonebridge Country Club in Goffstown, N.H., on which construction will begin this year.
- An 18-hole semi-private track at historic Sturbridge Village which is awaiting a variance and is part of a large commercial complex.
- An 18-hole public track in West Bridgewater — in the permitting stage.
- The 18-hole public Braeburn course in Hopkinton, R.I., which expects to draw from the visitors to nearby Foxwoods casino.

Fort Ord could expand by 5 new courses

MONTEREY, Calif. — A civilian reuse plan for the former Army base Fort Ord suggests that as many as five new golf courses could be built at the site to go along with the two that are already there.

Although the plan won't be finished until July, a draft is now being reviewed by the members and staff of the Fort Ord Reuse Authority. Several different neighboring cities and Monterey County have jurisdiction over parts of the site and could eventually decide to build golf courses.

According to the current version of the plan, up to two new golf courses could be built in the city of Marina, another in the "South Gate" area that is to be annexed to the city of Del Ray Oaks, and two in unincorporated areas near California State University at Monterey Bay and near the Bureau of Land Management's nature preserve in the eastern half of Fort Ord.

The plan also calls for up to 17,600 new housing units and 2,000 hotel rooms and 12 million square feet of office parks and research space.

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