

BRIEFS



QUARRY OWNERS SET NEW SIGHTS

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — Jay Eddy, Jack Parker and Bill Ellis, the principals of the successful Quarry Golf Club here, plan to develop a new golf course project called Courage Creek. They have retained course architect Keith Foster of St. Louis and Scottsdale, Ariz., who designed The Quarry.

PALMER CHRISTENS CHEROKEE RUN

CONYERS, Ga. — Arnold Palmer helped open his newest golf course, Cherokee Run Golf Club, an 18-hole course located 38 miles east of Atlanta. Palmer and Ed Seay designed the par-72 course, situated in the Georgia International Horse Park, a multi-million dollar, mixed-use facility selected to host the 1996 centennial Olympic equestrian events,



Ed Seay

the first mountain biking Olympic competition and the final two events of the modern pentathlon Olympic competition. The golf course's layout is unique in that it intertwines with the natural terrain and the Olympic cross-country event course. It will provide a challenging round of golf due to its natural hazards, such as granite outcroppings, wetlands, steep inclines and woods, Palmer said.

KAVANAUGH TAPPED FOR LONGBOW

MESA, Ariz. — McDonnell Douglas Realty Co. has retained Kenneth M. Kavanaugh Golf Course Design of Tucson to design Longbow Golf Club, an 18-hole daily-fee that will start construction this spring. Kavanaugh is busy with several other projects: an 18-hole renovation of Randolph South Municipal Golf Course renamed the Dell Ulrich Golf Course, and nine-hole additions at Gold Canyon in Apache Junction and Quail Creek in Green Valley.

MILLER UNVEILS EAGLE MOUNTAIN

FOUNTAIN HILLS, Ariz. — The 18-hole, Scott Miller-designed Golf Club at Eagle Mountain has opened, providing an innovative departure from the target-style tracks considered typical of the desert Southwest. This upscale daily-fee course takes advantage of the property's rolling hills, ridge lines, natural box canyons, lush valleys and rock-laden washes, while mountain outcroppings and wide, panoramic vistas provide the backdrop. Ranging from 5,000 to 6,755 yards, Eagle Mountain plays to a par 71.

GOLF COURSE NEWS



Lindsay Ervin surveys the scene, and his work, at Queenstown Harbor Links in Easton, Md.

Ervin values environmental integrity of his sites

Lindsay Ervin has been designing golf courses since joining late architect David Gill in Wisconsin when he graduated in landscape architecture from Purdue University in 1968. In 1973 he went to work with Greenhorn and O'Mara, a large multidisciplinary consulting firm in Maryland. Shortly afterward, he designed Hog Neck Golf Course in Easton, Md., an award-winning golf course that served as a springboard to a successful career. Ervin is a member of the American Society of Golf Course Architects and his firm, Lindsay Ervin & Associates, Inc., is headquartered in Crofton, Md.

Q & A

Lindsay Ervin: Yes, it always has been. I've always wanted to ensure that we would maintain the integrity of the environmental aspects of the site. I've always liked to use the quality natural parts of the environment for the design of the golf hole as much as possible — the wetlands, special forested areas, natural topography, features of rock... I try to incorporate them rather than tear them down. Nowadays, environmental regulations force you to stay away from them to start with.

GCN: Has the industry as a whole been more environmentally conscientious in recent years?

LE: Over the last 10 years it's been more conscientious.

GCN: Have we become better able to address environmental concerns?

LE: Knowing how to professionally apply fertilizers and

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Golf Course News: You have been aggressive in environmentally conscious design. Has this always been your philosophy in design?



Note the color contrasts at Scott Miller's Kierland Golf Club in Scottsdale.

Kierland boasts native grasses, walking

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Just 12 months ago the site of the new Kierland Golf Club here was a flat piece of undeveloped land, with scrub brush and a few isolated mesquite trees, situated on one of the last premier pieces of land in the north-east Valley.

Today the parcel provides players with a resort-style championship course that is ready to take its place among the Valley's marquee golf properties. It opened for play Jan. 13. Unlike many other Valley daily-fee golf courses, Kierland will offer golfers an option to walk during their round. Future plans also call for the introduction of a caddie program to benefit junior golfers throughout the state of Arizona.

During construction of the course designed by Scottsdale-based archi-

tect Scott Miller, more than 1.3 million cubic yards of dirt were moved to create some of the Valley's most dramatic golf holes, with picturesque mountain views, lakes, dry washes and elevation changes of up to 80 feet on some holes.

"Our greens are SR 1020 bentgrass, with tees and fairways of 419 Tifway hybrid Bermudagrass," Director of Golf Mike Ryan. "Golden native grasses such as buffalograss, Indiangrass and sheep fescue in the rough and transition areas were selected to provide a sharply defined edge between the fairway and rough year-round."

Kierland Golf Club is the focal point of a 713-acre master-planned community developed by Woodbine Southwest Corp. and the Herberger interests, both of Phoenix.

PILGRIMAGE TO PINEHURST

Architects to mark 50th anniversary March 26 to 31

PINEHURST, N.C. — The American Society of Golf Course Architects (ASGCA) will return to the home of one of its founders — Donald Ross's beloved Pinehurst — for its golden anniversary here March 26-31.

President Jeff Brauer said the society will extend its meeting a day to accommodate several special 50th anniversary activities. Seminar topics will include the evolution of golf course architecture during the society's first 50 years; the future of golf course development in America; the continued strength of public golf; and the impact of changing environmental legislation.

ASGCA members will play their tournament over three Ross courses and honor someone who has made significant contributions to golf course architecture at the 1996 Donald Ross Awards dinner. Ross, who designed hundreds of courses, spent the majority of his time in Pinehurst. He hosted the first society meeting in Pinehurst and was elected honorary president.

Expected to attend the annual meeting are about 100 of the society's members, including Robert Trent Jones Sr., the only living founding member of the original 14. The other 13 founding members were Billy Bell, Robert White, William Langford, Robert Bruce Harris (the first president), Stanley Thompson, William Gordon, Bill Diddle, Perry Maxwell, Jack Daray, Robert "Red" Lawrence, J.B. McGovern, Wayne Stiles and Ross.