

WALLEY FORMS DESIGN FIRM

ANN ARBOR, Mich. - A new company focusing exclusively on design, consultation and development of golfrelated projects has been formed here by Mark Walley, formerly a principal in the architectural landscape company of Bills/Childs Associates. Walley is in the process of signing several clients in the southeastern Michigan region. He intends to control the growth of Golf Services Group by selectively handling only projects to which he can devote appropriate personal attention. The firm is located at 206 S. Fifth, Suite 200, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48108.

..... GEORGE REDESIGNING BELLE HAVEN

ALEXANDRIA, Va. - Lester George of Colonial Golf Design Inc. in Richmond has been hired as the architect for Belle Haven Country Club here. He will redesign several holes immediately and then lead development of a long-range master plan of renovations to the golf course in the months to follow. The original course was designed by Leonard Macomber and opened in 1954. It has been through several remodeling phases since then, the last one in 1969.

JACOBSON INKS VA. PROJECT

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, Va. - Rick Jacobson is designing an 18hole upscale public golf course southwest of Dulles Airport here. The 6,900yard, par-72 layout will traverse open fields, woodlands and undulating terrain, and offer grand views of the rolling foothills of the Shenandoah Mountain Range. The project also includes an 8,000-square-foot clubhouse, and a 45-tee practice range, with a short game practice area and lesson tee.

PALMER PROMOTES CAD ASSOCIATE PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. - Eric Wiltse has been named manager of computer design with Palmer Course De-



sign Co. Wiltse joined Palmer in 1989 and is attending Florida Community College of Jacksonville, working toward his degree. His duties include preparation of de-

tailed construction plans and specifications, perspective drawings, graphic and color presentations, and computer-aided design (CAD).

GOLF COURSE NEWS

DESIGNING ON THEIR OWN: Bill Love & John Fought

Ault-Clark lose associate

By MARK LESLIE

OLLEGE PARK, Md. - Saying that after 18 years working with Ault-Clark & Associates the time had come to practice on his own, golf course architect Bill Love has hung out his own shingle here.

"There is a lot of competition, but I think I will compete effectively," Love

said from his new headquarters. "I intend to concentrate on a few projects at a time."

The University of Virginia's first graduate student to base a master's thesis on golf course design,

Love joined Edmund Ault's firm immediately after earning his master's degree in landscape architecture in 1978.

He has been in the business during Continued on page 32



John Fought, right, checks blueprints on a job site along with C.A. Roberts III of OB Sports.



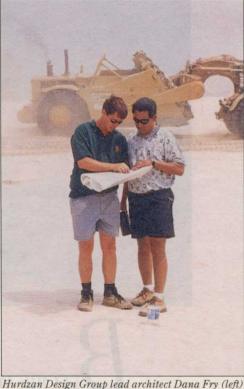
The 8th hole at Dauphin Highlands, designed by Bill Love while with Ault, Clark & Associates.

Hurdzan, Cook collaborate again

PALM DESERT, Calif. - Golf course architect Michael Hurdzan is teaming with PGA Tour pro John Cook to design the new, public Desert Willows North Course here, the first of two 18hole courses for the 540-acre Desert Willows development.

The \$9.6 million, 18-hole public championship-caliber course will give the city its first municipally owned links. The course is scheduled to open by February. Hurdzan and Cook have said the goal is to make the track one of the top 10 in the state.

Hurdzan announced another new project in the West - an 18hole executive course at the Keystone Resort, a four-season destination resort 70 miles west of Denver. Hurdzan's design will complement the existing 18-hole Continued on page 31



talks over construction blans for Desert Willows North Course with Golf Dimensions' senior construction manager, Ruben Ramirez.

Cupp colleague goes solo

URORA, Ore. - After a success ful apprenticeship with Robert Cupp, former PGA Tour player and 1977 U.S. Amateur champion John Fought has stepped out on his own as a golf course architect.

Fought, 42, has founded John Fought Design and aligned his company as a wholly owned subsidiary of OB Sports, a developer and operator of upscale public and resort golf courses based here. Fought will be the lead designer on OB developments and plans to pursue his own design projects throughout the world.

If the measure of an architect's work is the caliber of championships hosted by his or her courses, Fought should be feeling good about the direction of his career. He worked closely with Cupp on Pumpkin Ridge in Oregon, host course for the 1996 U.S. Amateur won by Tiger Woods. Woods' record-setting third U.S Amateur win in front of large galleries and television audiences in late August brought Pumpkin Ridge a level of exposure usually reserved for Grand Slam events.

While it is the most well known, Pumpkin Ridge is just one of several well-regarded Portland-area projects with which Fought has been involved. Fought and Cupp each designed an 18-hole course for The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club, which is scheduled to open in 1997. Fought also worked with Cupp on the Crosswater Course at Sunriver, named best resort course by Golf Digest in 1995. Fought was lead designer at the Langdon Farms Golf Club, a links-style facility where he maintains his home office.

"I'm thrilled to see such great courses being built in Portland because it's my home," said Fought. "However, I'm also looking forward to doing projects everywhere. At this point, my options are wide open, and I'm really having fun."

Ken Kavanaugh, an evolving style

A plus-1 handicap golfer, Ken Kavanaugh has been designing golf courses since 1985. His first experience in course design came in

1981 when he was project manager for Fred Enke Municipal Golf Course in Tucson, Ariz. His Southwyck Golf Club outside Houston opened to praise in 1989 as did Orchard Valley Golf Course in Aurora,

Ill., host of the 1996 Illinois State Open. The Resort at Gold Canyon's 11th, 12th and 13th holes are ranked in Arizona's top 10.

Golf Course News: Your first design job was nine holes for Roy Rodgers and Dale Evans. How did you land that job?

Ken Kavanaugh: I graduated in 1976 in landscape architecture and practiced it for 10 years. Everybody I met knew my goal was to design golf courses, so the word got around out here. Roy Rodgers and Dale Evans were involved with Thousand Trails, a group that builds destination RV resorts Continued on page 36

DEVELOPMENT

OF GOLF AND FISH

BRUTUS, Mich. — Construction is underway on Hidden River Golf & Casting Club here, situated on bluffs overlooking a mile of the Maple River, a pristine trout stream. The 240-acre site will accommodate an 18-hole public golf course, designed by Design 3, along with a log clubhouse fly-fishing lodge and 12 residential units placed along the riverbanks. Careful planning has been

Design 3 project mixes golf, casting done with input from Trout Unlimited, Tip of the Mitt Watergreens and fairways blend into

shed Council and Michigan's Natural Heritage Program. Design 3's W. Bruce Matthews has wound the 7,220-yard layout along Maple River, through a pine plantation, hardwood forest and open grassland. The bentgrass tees, greens and fairways blend into the surrounding old pine stumps, river and cedars.

Some highlights include the par-4 12th hole traversing a 30foot ravine to a green nestled in soft maples. The 7th hole, a 600yard par-5, bisects a five-acre pond and the 9th green is placed next to the Maple River 175 yards from the elevated tees. Five sets of tees make the layout range from 4,800 to 7,220 yards.

The environmental quality of the site and Maple River will be

improved by integrating buffer zones and retention basins which direct surface water away from the river. Water quality will improve by adding sand filters to the river in collaboration with Trout Unlimited. Wetlands and tree cover lacing the riverbanks were left intact to retain water temperature and protect endangered plant species.

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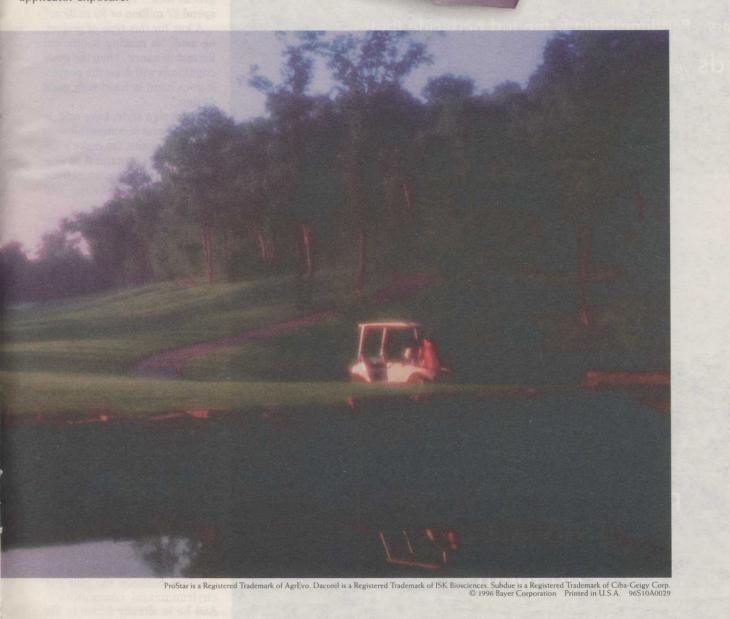
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Brewer, Maine, and turn a coin or two profit — no sweat.

Now to my classmates: Hey, guys, where were you when I needed you — back in 1963 or '64? Huh? We had some threesomes you could have filled out nicely. Gee.

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Some things are absolutely befuddling. Like my friend Jeff, if you have an explanation for these, please write me a note.

Go figure: A golfer was kicked off the membership roll at Riviera Country Club because he spoke publicly about the troubling course conditions. Yet O.J. Simpson is still an associate member there. (The ex-member has taken Riviera ownership to court.)

Go figure: Golfers enjoy twoputting (as opposed to three-putting) on smooth greens, but they demand greens that Stimp at 10 or 11 and that demand Tour-like proficiency.

Go figure: Some superintendents contend that most of their time is consumed by personnel management and paperwork, but "management" almost universally continues to be disregarded in turfgrass schools. (*See story, page 13.*)

Hurdzan busy

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championship Keystone Ranch course designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr.

Back East, Hurdzan has been hired to design the third championship-caliber 18-hole golf course at Pinewild Country Club of Pinehurst, N.C. Pinewild is in the sandhills of North Carolina and considered to be one of the finer golf facilities in the Southeast.

The 2,100-acre facility already features the 18-hole par-72 Magnolia Course designed by Gene Hamm, the 18-hole Holly Course designed by Gary Player, a ninehole par-three Azalea Course and a three-hole Challenge Course used for practice.

"It's a professional honor to be selected to design a golf course in Pinehurst, the winter home of North American golf," said Hurdzan.