

RUTUS, 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

OF GOLF AND FISH

Design 3 project mixes golf, casting

limited, Tip of the Mitt Watershed 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

done with input from Trout Ungrassland. 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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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.

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 South-

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.