

Steele busy with eight projects in England, on the continent

WEST SUSSEX, England — Donald Steel & Co. Ltd., an English golf course design firm, has eight projects underway around the globe. Steel has the following projects underway:

- National Golf Centre, an 18-hole course and teaching academy developed by the English Golf Union in Woodhall, Spa, Lincolnshire.
- Harleyford Golf Club, an 18-hole course developed by Harleyford Estate in Marlow, Buckinghamshire.
- Bradfield College Golf Course, a nine-hole

course developed by the college in Berkshire.

- Aroeira GC, an 18-hole course and academy developed by Aroeira S.A. in Lisbon.
- Klanovice Golf Club, an 18-hole course in Prague.
- Craighelaw Golf Club, an 18-hole course in Aberlady, East Lothian, Scotland.
- Gomera, an 18-hole course developed by Fred Olsen, S.A. in the Canary Islands.
- Monsignor della Casa Golf & Country Club, an 18-hole course in Florence, Italy.

Moroccans seek destination status

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[held in November on Dar Es Salam's Red Course in the capital, Rabat], the Moroccan Open [a European PGA Tour event held at Agadir Royal Golf Links] and the Hassan II Challenge [an international amateur championship]."

Morocco has 17 courses open and another five under

development, Kholti said. "We've tripled the number of courses since 1990 when we had six in the entire country," the RMGF official said.

"We've opened a development office designed to get courses approved on short notice. The only obstacles standing in the way of new development are the availability of water and land. We want to build courses where the greatest demand is. We could use another five courses in Casablanca, for instance, but there's no land near the city to build them."

The money to finance future construction, Kholti said, will come from one of three sources — private investment, publicly owned companies or the government, "although the government money is dwindling. We would prefer that all future development be financed through private interests, both national and foreign, or by local communities."

A good example is the recently opened Amelkis Golf Club in Marrakech. The 18-hole Cabell Robinson design is a residential golf community built by private investors in conjunction with the Department of Building and Tourism.

Other courses that have opened recently, or are in the planning stages, include:

- The Royal University Golf Club of Settat. Nine holes have opened and another nine are planned. In addition to the students who will use the course, the residential golf community is expected to attract Japanese, European and American golfers and home buyers.

- Eighteen new holes are planned at Ben Slimane Royal Golf Club, which would bring the facility total to 27 holes. All 18 have been roughed in, nine irrigated and seven actually planted. Construction has been delayed by financial problems and plans are now to open nine of the new holes in early 1998, according to Rick Baril of architect Robert von Hagge's office.

- The Club Mediterranee Dunes Course in Agadir has 27 holes and plans to begin construction of another course, or possibly two, in the near future.

- Bouznika Bay, located 40 miles from Casablanca, will have nine von Hagge-designed holes ready for play in early 1998. Construction will start in January. The developer is a Moroccan company named Capri. The weekend resort for Casablanca-area residents has 70 villas, but plans to add another 500 over the next few years.

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