

## BRIEFS



## IC&amp;E OPENS CHARLOTTE OFFICE

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Irrigation Consulting & Engineering, Inc. has opened an office here, expanding regional service to its design and management operations in the Mid-Atlantic region. Irrigation Consulting & Engineering, Inc. is based in Pepperell, Mass., with other offices in Cleveland and Elgin, Ill. "Our increased reach offers clients greater local service opportunities, while employing the same proven advances in irrigation design and technology that IC&E has always provided its clientele," said President Brian Vinchesi.

## SCHREINER HIRES HELLMAN

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Craig Schreiner Golf Course Architects has appointed Douglas Hellman vice president of business development. Maintaining an office in Illinois, Hellman will guide the firm's marketing and business development activities in the United States and abroad. He began his career in golf as a project architect with Dick Nugent Associates and was most recently director of business development for Jacobson Golf Course Design, both Chicago-based golf firms.

## GCBA A ON THE WEB

The Golf Course Builders Association of America (GCBA A) has debuted on the Internet, with the completion of its World Wide Web site: <http://www.gcbaa.org>. The site includes names and addresses of all current GCBA A members, as well as general information about the association, and an online version of the GCBA A's bimonthly newsletter, *Earth-Shaping News*. The site can be accessed via the *Golf Course News* site at [www.golfcoursenews.com](http://www.golfcoursenews.com).



## TRAVIS, RAYNOR TRACKS FACE CHANGE

HAWORTH, N.J. — The Northeast Golf Co. is developing renovation plans for White Beeches Golf and Country Club here. White Beaches is a circa 1920s Walter Travis layout. Plans are to rebuild and expand many of the tees and restore the bunkering throughout. Meanwhile, Gardiner's Bay Golf Club, which maintains many remnants of Seth Raynor's design philosophy, is planning to restore the bunkering back to the forms and strategic positioning of the original layout. Gardiner's Bay is on Shelter Island on Long Island, N.Y.



The 14th hole at Sultan's Run.

JASPER, Ind. — The heralded remodeling plan at Sultan's Run Golf Course here was unveiled May 21. The \$1.5 million project, under golf course designer Tim Liddy, affected all 18 holes.

The original design was done by General Manager Allen Sternberg and then head pro Tom Jones. Wadsworth Golf Construction of Plainfield, Ill., began work on Liddy's redesign in 1996.

## Course situated on former horse farm

"We felt it was time to take a good product and make it a showcase," said head PGA professional Rusty Mason. "What we had the past five years was a good layout, but one that wasn't functional for the long haul. We decided

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## Cement factory, gravel quarry transformed in Mich.

By NORMAN SINCLAIR

PETOSKEY, Mich. — Golf critics are running out of superlatives to describe Bay Harbor Golf Club, taking shape on a five-mile stretch of Lake Michigan shoreline in northern Michigan where once stood a cement factory and sand and gravel quarry. The 27 holes, 18 of which are open this season and nine of which will be ready for limited play in the fall,

"shreds every adjective in the book," said golf writer Jack Berry.

Architect Arthur Hills had high praise for the site, describing it as the opportunity of a lifetime. The golf course is the centerpiece of a mega-million-dollar Victorian-theme development that includes a yacht club, condominium-suites hotel, and shopping and restaurant village.

Seven holes play along the water, some

on bluffs 170 feet above Little Traverse Bay. Hills routed the 27 holes over and through four diverse geological formations — sand dunes, a quarry, lakeshore and wooded uplands.

The Links Course holes flow along the top of the rocky bluffs above the water, with fairways and some greens perched on the edge of those bluffs. Four of the

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## Kay gaining design stature

Stephen Kay entered golf course architect in 1977, joining William Newcomb's firm. He was made an associate in 1980, then started his own practice in 1983 in Bronxville, N.Y. He was voted into the American Society of Golf Course Architects two years ago.

**Golf Course News:** You've been called a new, up-and-coming architect, but you have quite a history. What was your foundation in golf course architecture?

**Stephen Kay:** Besides my academic education of a degree in landscape architecture from Syracuse and a turfgrass management degree from Michigan State, I was a superintendent for a couple of years and worked in construction a couple of years. But when I left Michigan and came back to New York to start my own practice renovating the old classic architects (Donald Ross, A.W. Tillinghast, Devereau Emmet, Seth Raynor) and trying to duplicate what the masters did, that's been a great foundation for me to then leap into new golf courses.

**GCN:** Especially with Blue Heron Pines [in the Atlantic City area], you seem to be doing more new projects.

**SK:** Yes. I did a couple of new courses in the '80s, but my bread and butter was renovation work. Then, Blue Heron Pines



The 534-yard, 1st hole at New York Country Club, a new 18-hole private course designed by Stephen Kay, which opened June 14 in Rockland County.

was really the start of getting a lot of work. The golf course has gotten a lot of nice press... That has snowballed into basically doing one or two new courses every year since 1992.

**GCN:** It seems that The Links at North Dakota has put you up another echelon.

**SK:** Thank you. It probably has in the fact that *Golf Digest* named it second-best

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## ASGCA accepts Fought, Benkusky and Kavanaugh

TORONTO — The American Society of Golf Course Architects elected three new associate members — Mike Benkusky of Marengo, Ill., Ken Kavanaugh of Tucson, Ariz., and John Fought of Aurora, Ore. — during its 51st annual meeting here.

An associate of Lohmann Golf Designs, Benkusky's work includes Bishops Bay Golf Course (GC) in Middleton, Wis., and Boulder Ridge Country Club (CC) in Lake in the Hills, Ill.

As principal of his own firm, Kavanaugh has designed Southwyck GC in Pearland, Texas; The Vistas at Westbrook Village in Peoria, Ariz.; Seasons Ridge GC in Lake Ozark, Mo.; and the Oregon GC in West Linn, Ore.

Fought is principal of John Fought Design/OB Sports LLC and is responsible for such layouts as Big Sky Golf & Country Club in Pemberton, B.C., Canada; and CrossWater in Sunriver, Ore.



Gary Player and Stephen Kay at Manhattan Woods which they co-designed in West Nyack, N.Y.