

Hurdzan & Fry chosen for #2 at Coeur d'Alene

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho — Until now the golf course here has been known for its trademark floating green, dreamed up and implemented by Scott Miller. But now a second course is planned.

There will be no floating greens, but the as yet unnamed golf course promises rock cliffs, huge trees and views from 250 feet above the lake. Hurdzan/Fry Golf Course Design will lay out the course for Arrow Point Development Co.

"I feel the site is one of the most spectacular in North America," Fry said. "Given the location and the willingness of our clients to make the golf course the best it can be, Arrow Point at Coeur d'Alene has the potential to be ranked among the Top 100 in the U.S."

Hurdzan comment

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conserve root-zone water.

Design, construction and maintenance techniques such as modified target golf, zonal planting and plant growth regulators are all contributing to lessen the amount of water applied to turfgrass while keeping it in a healthy state. Our goal is total sustainability of using only recycled water. This goal may be as unobtainable as finding a perpetual motion device, but we must try. Currently we are just scratching the surface of genetic engineering, subsurface irrigation, improved root-zone amendments and even best-management practices. But it takes forward-thinking turfgrass managers and open-minded field experimentation to prove their applicability and economic viability.

The only serious limitation to continuing success is the cooperative understanding of golfers to tolerate less-than-green grass. Golfers in America are clearly addicted to playing conditions achievable only by using more water than is necessary for healthy turfgrass. The first step in breaking any bad habit is to recognize there is a problem, then change attitudes or lifestyles appropriately.

Let's hope that breaking overindulgence of over-watering is easier than that for alcohol.

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GOLF COURSE NEWS

McCumber breaks ground on Jersey project

MANALAPAN, N.J. — McCumber Golf and the course design firm of Mark McCumber & Associates of Jacksonville, Fla., have undertaken the building of Knob Hill Golf Course here.

Construction is already underway at the 18-hole, par-70 facility. The upscale daily-fee development is expected to open a

year from now, in July 1998.

McCumber, a PGA Tour player, has laid out a course with dramatic elevation changes that uses water on several holes. McCumber Golf is the construction manager and shaper for the course.

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In other McCumber & Associates news,

the firm is working on GreyStone Golf Club in Dickson, Tenn. The project is under construction.

Its TPC at Heron Bay in Coral Springs, Fla. — another McCumber product — recently opened and is host of the PGA Tour's 1997 Honda Classic.

In addition, McCumber's firm is designing the second of four courses planned for Del Webb's Sun City Hilton Head in Bluffton, S.C.



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