

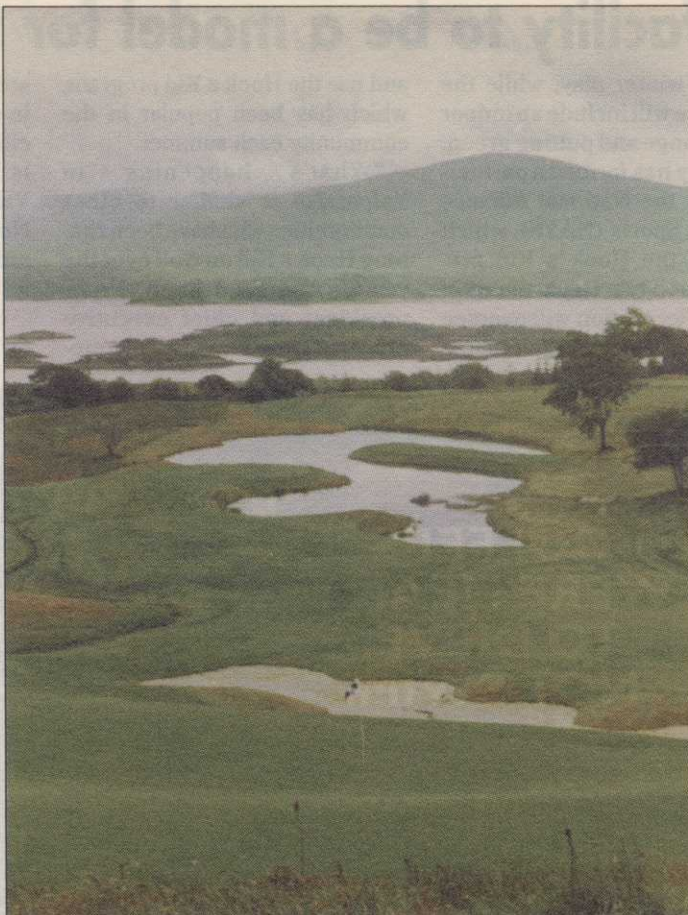
# Ring of Kerry G&CC opens in heart of Ireland

KENMARE, Republic of Ireland — The Ring of Kerry Golf and Country Club is the latest addition to the Roger Jones Golf Associates' growing list of golf course designs. Set in the heart of one of the most competitive golfing destinations in Europe, the Jones-designed 6,900-yard course opened for public play in mid-July.

"With so many golf courses on offer, it was imperative to produce something outstanding and we have achieved that here at Ring of Kerry," said Jones. "It seems that every course is now labeled 'championship' which is meaningless. My brief was to provide a 'world-class' golf course and here it is."

Overlooking Kenmare Bay from a height of some 600 feet, with the Caha Mountains to the south and the McGillycuddy Reeks to the north, the surroundings are rich. London-based businessmen Tom McNicholas and Dominic Reid own the course.

The significant mounding on the course uses the 'waste' bog material which had been moved at the outset. Aside from the aesthetic qualities which the mounds provide, they also protect the golfer from possible unfair disadvantages which would so easily occur once a ball is set in motion. Throughout the entire layout the mounds have been specifically shaped to mirror the natural hills and mountains surrounding Kenmare and this is indicative of the project's intentions regarding the integrity of the site. There was no choice but to move so much material around, however, whenever possible, the surrounding natural landscape has been left untouched with magnificent grasses and wild flowers flowing over the rock and bog between holes.



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# Carnegie Club adds 9-hole track

DORNOCH, Scotland — The exclusive Carnegie Club has added a nine-hole parkland course to the prestigious Carnegie Links at Skibo Castle.

The innovative nine-holer was designed by Donald Steel & Co. and the project was managed by Brian D. Pierson — the same team which undertook the Carnegie Links.

The terrain for the Parkland course is very different to that worked on the Links, being comprised of wetland, pine, birch and oak.

The fauna is equally indigenous being packed with otters, deer and ospreys. The course has been designed to be played as either a par-35 course or a par-3 course depending upon which set of tees are used.

Steel said: "Only limited space was available initially and we considered that best use could be made by creating a three-hole academy with practice ground. Each hole has a huge green with three different flags and each flag can be played from one of up to three tees. In the area occupied by three holes, it is therefore possible to play 18 varied holes."

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